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Planning, zoning commission discusses street widening pjt.

Members air concerns regarding construction of Main St. turn lane

By Miranda M. Cantrell

The West Liberty Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public meeting on Monday, Dec. 17, to discuss the development of a comprehensive plan to guide land use within city limits for the next five years.

Commission members addressed local citizens who voiced questions and concerns regarding zoning plans and other post-tornado issues.

The plan – which must be updated by the city council – is a tool to address the community's future growth and development.

Chairman Joe Curd noted that the next meeting is scheduled sometime after the holiday season, in the upstairs council room at City Hall, where commission members will continue to address the following plan tenets:

- Goals and objectives: To promote the physical and economic development and social well-being of the community.

- Land use: To determine the manner in which community members should use public and private land.

- Transportation: To determine the most desirable and feasible patterns for public and semi-public buildings, land and facilities.

Monday's meeting addressed several aspects of the transportation component, which includes a \$7.2 million project to widen Main and Prestonsburg streets.

Gov. Steve Beshear announced the project during a Nov. 1 visit to City Hall, where he presented Judge Executive Tim Conley and Mayor Jim Rupe with a \$400,000 check from the Transportation Cabinet's state road contingency fund to pay for the initial design work required to construct a turn lane beginning at the county government building on Prestonsburg Street that would run through Main Street to the Court Street intersection.

Judge Conley noted in a Nov. 5 interview that the plan would require some Main Street sidewalks to be moved back approximately five feet, but that parallel parking spaces would remain in front of the shops with a minor parking loss on the other side.

"We would lose six to eight parking spots in front of the courthouse," Conley said. "But we would more than make up for those spots with the parking garage that will be constructed behind Commercial Bank near the new courthouse."

Conley also said affected businesses and organizations – including Commercial Bank and the Methodist and Christian churches – already plan to set their new buildings further back from the streets.

Project Manager Corbett Caudill, of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, presented preliminary drawings to commission members.

"This is a footprint to rebuild," Caudill said. "We are looking at a shared turn lane an improvements to the intersection of Main and Prestonsburg streets. The current radius is too tight for large trucks to make their turns."

City Councilwoman Belinda Jordan expressed concern about the construction of a turn lane on Main Street.

"I worry that a turn lane would take away the character of Main Street," Jordan said. "I am afraid that with three lanes of traffic, some people would not stop for pedestrians."

Commission member Jodi Stacy concurred.

"I am also concerned about the turn lane," Stacy said. "We want our streets to be pedestrian-friendly."

Caudill noted that the turn lane would ease congestion by allowing through traffic to proceed around motorists turning left into businesses along the improvement area.

"Approximately 10,000 cars a day travel on Main Street," Caudill said. "Of course, this plan will be discussed with the public multiple times before construction begins."

Commission Chairman Joe Curd aired safety concerns

regarding Index Hill.

"There are a lot of issues on Index Hill," Curd said. "There is no shoulder, and there have been several accidents. The fire department is also located on Index Hill. Would it be possible to lower the speed limit in this developing area?"

Caudill noted that the transportation cabinet could conduct speed studies on Index Hill, but that the creation of road shoulders would be an exten-

sive project that would require significant funding.

The Planning and Zoning Commission was established in 1996 with members appointed by former mayor Scott Wells.

Current appointees include Chairman Joe Curd, Judy Elam, Sallie May, Langley Franklin, Jerry Trusty, Jodi Stacy, David Campbell, John May and Leota Sherman.

All commission members are unpaid volunteers.

Rowan deputies arrest local couple on drug charges

Rowan County authorities arrested two Morgan Countians on drug trafficking charges on Dec. 11, in conjunction with an extensive anti-drug campaign.

According to *The Morehead News*, Rowan County sheriff's deputies arrested Ezel residents Celia Howard Caskey, 24, and Derik Caskey, 25, after family members helped authorities locate the suspects.

Both individuals were charged with two counts of trafficking in heroin in the first

degree and trafficking in marijuana in the second degree.

Chief Deputy Joe Cline told *The Morehead News* that the Caskeys might be linked to a Detroit pipeline that utilizes the interstate bus system to transport drugs to and from Michigan.

"We did some checking through family and they turned themselves over to us," Cline said. "We established that they were staying at a certain residence, and the family told us where they were. They turned themselves in."

The Caskeys were lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center.

Jingle Bell Walk at Delancey Park set this weekend

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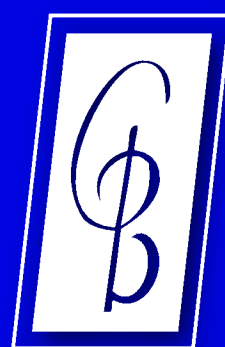
Named for the former Hotel Delancey – once located in the park's boundaries as the namesake of Kentucky Block President W. Delancey Walbridge – the park also hosts the annual Cannel City picnic.

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They followed the star to where Christ was; they fell down and worshipped him and opened their treasures and gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were fitting gifts for a king. Christmas is a time that we celebrate the gift that God gave to us. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus said to the Samaria woman at the well of Jacob "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The apostle Paul said "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. The gift that God gave was wrapped in swaddling clothes when he came into this world.

When we think about giving gifts we hunt for the perfect gift. This Christmas have you put God or Jesus on your Christmas list? You may ask, What can I give to them? Your heart is the best gift that you can give to the Lord. Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth... But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The treasures of your heart is a gift fitting for the King of Kings; have you gave it to him yet? Come worship with us, we

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Where's The Outrage?

The Duluth (Minn.) News Tribune notes editorially that in contrast to the outrage expressed at Mitt Romney's comment that 47 percent of Americans were unlikely to vote for him because they benefit from one government program or another, so he wouldn't be campaigning too hard to reach them, no one has railed about Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's recent comments that rural America is "becoming less and less relevant" to government and to politicians.

"Where were the tractors rolling up Pennsylvania Avenue in protest? Where were the ranchers and farmers and outdoors-lovers demanding to be heard? No one would have blamed rural America, including nearly all of northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin, for being up in arms," the paper opines. "What Vilsack was saying, essentially, was that the U.S. government and its elected leaders aren't bothering to represent rural areas because there's no political payoff or ballot-box support."

Yes, "More people are living in cities and suburbs. And President Obama, a Democrat, retained the White House in spite of overwhelming Republican support from the nation's rural areas," the paper says. "But none of those are reason enough for elected leaders to ignore an entire segment of the population, as Vilsack said is happening. Elected representatives and others in government are supposed to work for all, not just for those who support their elections and re-elections." When they don't represent all, those snubbed are entirely justified in expressing their strong disagreement.

Poll shows Republican Party is the rural party

Dec. 13 — Even as Democrats were winning the recent election, rural parts of America voted overwhelmingly Republican. As U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack told a recent forum in Washington, the nation's rural population is at an all-time low, 16 percent. "Rural America, with a shrinking population, is becoming less and less relevant to the politics of this country," Vilsack said.

The latest NBC-Wall Street Journal poll seems to confirm the GOP's plight. Just look at the "favorable" and "unfavorable" ratings, Chuck Todd and his NBC News colleagues write in their morning briefing, First Read.

"The GOP's fav/unfav rating in the poll now stands at 30% — 45% (minus 15), which is down from 36% — 43% (minus 7) right before the election. That's compared with the Democratic Party's 44% — 35% rating (plus 9). And other than self-described Republicans and conservatives, just two other

groups have a net positive view of the GOP: folks who live in rural America (39% — 33%) and folks who live in the South (39% — 38%); that's it."

When the poll respondents were asked to give a word or short phrase about the party, "65% offered a negative comment, including more than half of Republicans," First Read reports. "By contrast, 37% gave negative descriptions of the Democratic Party, while 35% were positive. A Republican politician or operative might look at our poll and say, 'Well, the good news is that our numbers can't get any lower.' That might be true, and they could very well drag Democrats down with them if there isn't a deal [on the 'fiscal cliff']. But there's another way to look at the poll: Republicans have a lot to gain, too. And if they want to be a competitive national party again and not simply a regional, rural party, they need to make gains."

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Letters Column



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I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Gamble and other Morgan County Board of Education staff who assisted in quickly, efficiently and professionally handling the recent bomb threat at MCHS.

In my day in the late 1960's, such events were considered 'pranks' and 'jokes' that got

us out of class for an hour or so. Sadly, that is absolutely no longer the case. Such threats now MUST be taken seriously due to many events that have occurred across our country over the past 15-plus years, in order to protect our children to the best of our ability.

His first act and priority was to secure the kids and staff. He also then took steps to inform and advise parents of actions taken, so that we could know quickly how the situation was being addressed.

Facebook may have broadly proclaimed the scare, but real communication from Mr. Gamble gave us the assurance that all efforts were being taken that needed to be taken to keep our kids from harm. For that, I am extremely grateful.

Again, Mr. Gamble, thank you.

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Entitlement program keeps some families in cycle of poverty, liberal New York Times columnist says

In the midst of debate about the "fiscal cliff," cuts and changes in entitlement programs like Medicaid, welfare and Supplemental Security Income have been discussed as cost-saving measures. Liberals say entitlement programs help millions of struggling people every year; conservatives say entitlements are abused, costing taxpayers millions that could be spent more effectively elsewhere and fostering a culture of dependency.

Nicholas Kristof, a liberal columnist for The New York Times, explores the issue with this glimpse of a facet of SSI: "Parents here in Appalachian hill country pulling their children out of literacy classes. Moms and dads fear that if kids learn to read, they are less likely to qualify for a monthly check for having an intellectual disability." In Breathitt County, Kentucky, he writes, \$698 a month "goes a long way."

"This is painful for a liberal to admit, but conservatives have a point when they suggest that America's safety net can sometimes entangle people in a soul-crushing dependency," Kristof writes. "Some young people here don't join the military (a traditional escape route for poor, rural Americans) because it's easier to rely on food stamps and disability payments. Antipoverty programs also discourage marriage . . . Most wrenching of all are the parents who think it's best if a child stays illiterate, because then the family may be able to claim a disability check each month."

Kristof does not document how many such cases he found in Appalachia, nor does he cite military enlistment data. His headline, "Profiting from a child's illiteracy," does not take into account the circumstances of individual families. But he quotes the woman who runs the literacy program and a local

school official, who says, "The greatest challenge we face as educators is how to break that dependency on government. In second grade, they have a dream. In seventh grade, they have a plan."

In a 2009 piece for the Times, University of Richmond political science professor Jennifer Erkulwater noted, "Between 1984 and 1990, Congress loosened SSI requirements, especially for children with mental disabilities. It also said it wouldn't cut off recipients it thought weren't disabled anymore unless it could prove this. As a result, it should come as no surprise that, compared to two decades ago, it is much easier today for younger adults and children . . . to receive disability benefits and to stay on the disability rolls longer once found eligible."

Because of those loosened rules, 55 percent of disabilities covered by SSI are "fuzzier in-

tellectual disabilities," Kristof writes. He reports that 1.2 million low-income children, 8 percent of the total, are on SSI. It's a \$9 billion annual burden for taxpayers, he writes, but "It can be even worse for children whose families have a huge stake in their failing school." He cites a 2009 study that found two-thirds of SSI kids who turn 18 transfer into the adult program: "They may never hold a job in their entire lives and are condemned to a life of poverty on the dole — and that's the outcome of a program intended to fight poverty."

Kristof acknowledges that he's no expert on poverty, and says fighting it is complex. "But for me, a tentative lesson from the field is that while we need safety nets, the focus should be instead on creating opportunity, and, still more difficult, on creating an environment that leads people to seize opportunities." Ky. Institute for Rural Journalism

Gun control advocates predict tough response to Conn. school shootings

President Barack Obama's emotional call for "meaningful action" after yesterday's shooting at a Connecticut elementary school may signal he's prepared to push for stronger gun-control laws, a politically fraught issue he shied away from during his first term.

The killings of 20 children and seven adults, Obama said, created an imperative to stem gun violence.

"As a country, we have been through this too many times," he said at the White House, pausing several times during his remarks to collect himself as tears welled in his eyes. "And we're going to have to come together and take meaningful action to prevent more tragedies like this regardless of the politics."

Gun-control advocates immediately challenged Obama to match his words with legislation.

The following from The Caucus, the liberal politics and government blog of the New York Times, is probably indicative of what Second Amendment gun rights advocates (spell that Republicans and moderate Democrats, all of which liberals seem to thoroughly detest) will have to endure in the wake of the horrific Dec. 14 school massacre in the Newtown, Conn.

By Jonathan Weisman

Official Washington's response to the Connecticut school massacre Friday came along predictable lines, with Republicans and many moderate Democrats expressing their condolences and horror while silent on a legislative response to gun violence, and liberal Democrats saying it is time to move forward with serious gun legislation.

Caterpillar to close Mt. Sterling plant

MT. STERLING — Caterpillar Global Mining last week announced that it will close its Mt. Sterling plant and lay off the site's 23 workers.

The plant, which performs welding work on dragline excavating machinery used in the mining industry, will shut down on Feb. 23.

Work performed at Mt. Sterling will be sent to plants in Florida and Texas as well as to regional dealer facilities, a company spokesman said.

The company is offering severance packages to the employees who will be laid off and also assisting with outplacement services.

Long, Long Ago

Winds thro' the olive trees
Softly did blow,
Round little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay
Whiter than snow;
Shepherds were watching them,
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky,
Angels bent low,
Singin their songs of joy,
Long, long ago.

For in a manger bed,
Cradled we know,
Christ came to Bethlehem,
Long, long ago.

--Author Unknown

Infamous Quote

"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix."
— Dan Quayle

But advocates of gun control say the shootings at an elementary school in Newtown might be different for two reasons: the victims were children, eliciting a gut-wrenching response across the country, and the National Rifle Association proved to be a political paper tiger in the 2012 election.

"The political atmosphere has clearly changed because now we have solid evidence that the N.R.A. just was not effective in the last election cycle," said Kristen Rand, legislative director for the Violence Policy Center, a gun-control advocacy group. "This just has a feel that they won't get away with doing nothing this time."

The response to mass shootings, even the one that nearly took the life of a member of Congress, Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona, has followed a familiar pattern. On the day of the attack, politicians express shock and grief but maintain it is not the time to talk politics. A few members of Congress dust off long-dormant gun control

bills in the days to follow. Then the issue fades away.

Representative Carolyn McCarthy, Democrat of New York, who came to the House after her husband was killed in a mass shooting on the Long Island Rail Road, said Friday that she would not let that happen this time.

"The time to talk about it should have been after the last shooting or the shooting before that," she said.

Ms. McCarthy said she had met with her staff on Thursday to plan her legislative battles for the coming year. At that meeting, she said, she declared that she would resume her quest for far-reaching gun violence legislation, reinstating the assault weapons ban, banning high-capacity ammunition magazines, instituting criminal background checks on gun buyers at gun shows, and improving instant background checks to more thoroughly catch people with histories of mental illness.

"I'm not going to be shy anymore," she said.

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Dec. 13 — The nation's oil and gas boom is driving up income so fast in a few hundred small towns and rural areas that it's shifting prosperity to the heartland, according to USA Today, which looked at federal Bureau of Economic Analysis data.

Inflation-adjusted income is up 3.8 percent per person since 2007 for the 51 million Americans in small cities, towns and rural areas, versus 1.8 percent in urban areas, Dennis Cauchon and Paul Overberg report. Credit the energy boom -- mainly hydraulic fracturing -- and some temporarily strong farm prices for the rural windfall.

The analysis also revealed that Owsley, McCreary and Wolfe counties in Kentucky are the only places in the nation that rely on government programs such as Social Security, food stamps and Medicaid for more than half of their income.

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Area Deaths

Garry Smith

Garry Dean Smith, of 34 Paulina Branch Rd., West Liberty, Ky., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at his residence, at the age of 66 years, 11 months and 12 days after an extended illness.



He was born Dec. 19, 1945, at Dingus, Ky. in Morgan County. He was a construction worker.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Stacy Smith, West Liberty, Ky.; his mother, Sylvia Sparks Smith Burgett, of West Liberty, Ky.; four daughters, Kathy (Dean) Moore, of Elkfork, Ky., Anita (Dean) Smith, of West Liberty, Ky., April Lawson, of Ezel, Ky., and Letha Smith and fiancé, Matthew Lindon, of Helechawa, Ky.; three sons, Timmy (Kim) Smith, West Liberty, Ky., Jimmy (Jeanie) Smith, of Elliottsville, Ky., and Johnny (Royetta) Smith, of Ezel, Ky.; four sisters, Velma Dulen, of

West Liberty, Ky., Alma (Denzil) Cantrell, of West Liberty, Ky., Pam (Mike) Vest, of West Liberty, Ky., and Marcella (Jonathan) Arnett, of Somerset, Ky.; four brothers, Darrell (Brenda) Smith, Elkfork, Ky., Darris (Sandy) Smith, of West Liberty, Ky., Drexell (Shara) Smith, of Elkfork, Ky. Dwayne (Twana) Smith, of West Liberty, Ky.; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and his special pet, Chubs.

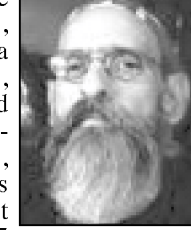
He was preceded in death by his father, Ora Smith; two brothers, Michael and Fairley Smith; a sister, Teresa Goodpaster; step-father, Kenneth Burgett; grandson, Timothy Michael Smith; and granddaughter, Delaina Hollon.

Funeral services were conducted 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, at Herald & Stewart & Halsey Chapel with Bro. Jonathan Arnett officiating. Burial followed in the Mary Pack Cemetery, Smith Creek Road, West Liberty, Ky., with Herald & Stewart & Halsey Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were friends and relatives.

Ronnie Lee Hunt

Ronnie Lee Hunt, of Panama City Beach, FL, passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at his residence at the age of 55 years, 6 months and 9 days.



He was born on Wednesday, May 29, 1957, in Prestonsburg, KY, a son of Myrtle Endicott Hunt Osborne and the late Zeff Hunt.

Ronnie was united in marriage to Debbie Lynn Conley. He was an auto-mechanic and was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson and he loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Zeff Hunt, and his step father, James Osborne.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Lynn Conley Hunt; four children, Ronnie Zeff Hunt, Clyde Justin Hunt, Suzanne Nicole Hunt, and Jesse Maurice Yates, all of Panama City Beach, FL; five grandchil-

dren, Ronnie Zeff Hunt, Jr. of Panama City Beach, FL, Hannah Nicole Hunt, Haylie Diane Hunt, Hayden Ashlee Hunt, all of Horse Cave, KY, and Justin Lee Hunt, of Port St. Lucie, FL; his mother, Myrtle Endicott Hunt Osborne, of West Liberty, KY; one sister, Betsy Ann Osborne, of West Liberty, KY; one brother, John David and Kay Hunt, of Fremont, OH; adopted sister, Rose Ann Carpenter, of West Liberty, KY; his extended brother and best friend, Kenny Wilks, of Panama City Beach, FL; and all his many friends.

Funeral services were conducted 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Potter Funeral Home, with Bro. Donnie Pack & Bro. Tim Yaden officiating. Burial followed in the Grassy Lick Cemetery, Grassy Creek, KY., with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Zeff Hunt, Clyde Justin Hunt, Jesse Maurice Yates, Melvin Lewis, Clyde Rudy Endicott, Sr., James Marrow, Clyde Rudy Endicott, Jr., and Preston Barney.

Treva Lykins Cochran

Treva Gertrude Lykins Cochran of Hamilton, OH, formerly of West Liberty, KY, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at Hartland of Woodridge, Fairfield, OH, at the age of 98 years and 1 day.



She was born on Friday, Dec. 11, 1914, at Stacy Fork, KY, a daughter of the late Harrison and Lula Elam Stacy.

Treva was united in marriage to Julius Lykins on June 16, 1932. This union was blessed with seven children. After Julius' passing on Sept. 30, 1986, she was united in marriage to Ishmael Cochran on Oct. 8, 1994.

Treva was a homemaker, devoting her life to care for her family and her home. She was a member of the Valley Chapel

Community Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Julius Lykins and Ishmael Cochran; three sons, Carl Eugene Lykins, James Talmadge Lykins and Billy Ralph Lykins; two sisters, Zeld Stacy and Vada Haney; and one brother, Charles Stacy.

Survivors include four children, Malcolm and Rita Lykins of Hamilton, OH, Linda & Gary Dungan, of Hamilton, OH, Brenda and Ed Thacker, of Dayton, OH, and Pat and John Eisenmann of Cincinnati, OH; 22 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; 27 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Doie Stacy, of Cincinnati, OH; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at Index Community Church, with Bro. Mike Frisby officiating.

Burial followed in the Oliver Haney Cemetery, Stacy Fork, KY., with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Lorene Perry

Lorene Barker Perry, of West Liberty, KY, passed away Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at Morgan County ARH, at the age of 75 years, 2 months, and 26 days.



She was born on Friday, Sept. 17, 1937, at Grassy Creek, KY, a daughter of the late Berlin and Velma Peyton Barker.

Lorene was united in marriage to Marion C. Perry Jr. and was a homemaker who devoted her life to care for her family and her home. She was an outgoing person who loved playing with children. She also enjoyed going to church and attended Centerville Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marion C. Perry

Jr.; and her twin sister, Norene Perry.

Survivors include two brothers and two sisters, Lee and Mae Barker, James Arnold Barker, Elsa Poe, and Rose and Toby Bailey, all of West Liberty; a host of nieces and nephews; and special nieces, Anita and Bryan Wheeler, Carol and Mike Smith, Courtney and Nathaniel Bailey, Becky and David Goble, Pam Ruth, Kimberly and Jerry Hampton, and Kristy and Chris Trusty.

Funeral services were conducted 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, at Potter Funeral Home, with Bro. Harry Flannery and Bro. Danny Collins officiating.

Burial followed in the Perry Cemetery, Hwy 772, West Liberty, KY, with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were nephews Daniel Watson, Marcus Guyn, Shannon Barker, Jeff Barker Jr. Barker and Dean Poe.

Donna Jones Gamble

Donna Jones Gamble, of West Liberty, KY, passed away Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington, KY, at the age of 52 years, 2 months and 26 days.



She was born on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1960, at Ft. Wayne, IN, a daughter of the late Harold and Eleanor Gross Jones.

Donna was united in marriage to James "Jim" Gamble. She was a homemaker, a loving and caring mother, grandmother and sister.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Gamble; and her brother, Steve Jones.

Survivors include her son, Chris and Rebecca Jones, of Morehead, KY; granddaugh-

ter, Kennedy Grace Jones, of Morehead, KY; four brothers and three sisters, Harold and Rhonda Jones, of Mt. Sterling, KY, Ricky and Linda Jones, Glenn and Joyce Jones, all of West Liberty, KY, David and Libby Jones, of Wellington, KY, Cathy and Ricky Gevedon, of West Liberty, KY, Connie and David Buckley, of New Brighton, PA, and Brenda McGuire, of Clay City, KY; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Potter Funeral Home, with Bro. Rick Pelfrey and Bro. Sammy Vancleave officiating. Burial followed in the South Fork Cemetery, Malone, KY., with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Harold Jones Jr., Ricky Jones, Glenn Jones, David Jones, Ricky Gevedon and Colby Jones.

Goldie M. Adkins

Goldie M. Adkins of Redwine, passed away Friday, December 7, 2012, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, Ky., at the age of 76 years, 7 months, and 19 days.



She was born on Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Morgan County, Ky., the youngest of nine children born to the late Bruce and Annabel (Gross) Davis.

Goldie was united in marriage to Jerome Adkins on May 29, 1954, and to this union were born four sons and three daughters. Goldie was a homemaker, devoting her life to care for her family and her home. She was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome Adkins; one son and daughter-in-law, Renny Lee and Belinda Adkins; two granddaughters, Kayla Lynn Adkins and Erica Adkins; her sisters, Dovie Adkins, Grace Adkins, Beulah Johnson, Della Keeton, and Eva McNeely; and her brothers, Winford Davis, Roy Davis, and Jim Lee Davis.

Survivors include her six children, Kenny Adkins of Redwine, Timmy Adkins and Marlene of Morehead, Ricky Adkins of Redwine, Tammy Cooper of West Liberty, Karen and Greg Kinner of West Liberty, and Nalma and Jackie Howell of Elkfork; 10 grandchildren, Desiree McGuire, Dustin Adkins, Brian and Charity Adkins, Tyler Howell, Shawn Cooper and Bethany, Channing Kinner, Brandon Howell, Amber and Dustin Williams, Chad Adkins, and Austin Kinner; one great-grandson, Aaron Adkins; one brother, Lawrence Davis of West Liberty; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Goldie was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a hard worker and raised a

large garden every year out of which she canned many quarts of fresh vegetables until ill health forced her to step back and let her children and grandchildren take over. Goldie had many pleasures in life, including tending to her chickens which she also finally had to let go with a sad heart. But her most pleasurable moments were when her children and grandchildren visited every Sunday possible for home cooked meals. She also looked forward to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter when the family would gather and sit down before a table filled with delicious food as she was known as a wonderful cook and poured her love into cooking which was a recipe for perfection. Those wonderful times will forever be missed but the memories of those times around the table with Goldie will never be forgotten as the kitchen was the gathering place for the entire family, a room that will seem empty without her sitting in her favorite place at the table. She suffered several heartaches in her life, one being while hospitalized, she never got to meet and hold her great-grandson, Aaron. But the sudden death of her son, Renny, on February 13, 2009, was something that she never seemed to recover from; the bright smile and twinkle in her eyes seemed to fade after that;

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at the Potter Funeral Home, with Rev. Eugene Haney and Elder Jimmy Adkins officiating. Burial was in the Adkins Cemetery, Redwine Road, West Liberty, Ky., with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers: Her grandsons, Dustin Adkins, Brian Adkins, Tyler Howell, Shawn Cooper, Channing Kinner, Brandon Howell, and Austin Kinner, and her grandson-in-law, Dustin Williams.

Honorary pallbearers: Her sons, Kenny Adkins, Timmy Adkins, and Ricky Adkins, and her sons-in-law, Jackie Howell and Greg Kinner.

Patricia F. Gibson

Patricia F. Gibson, 77, of Vandalia, Ohio, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2012, at Hospice of Dayton.

She was born in Dayton, Ohio, on July 9, 1935, a daughter of the late Wilbur Barr and Veltetta Barr.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy Gibson, Jr.; a son, Daniel Gibson; a daughter, Cynthia Gibson; and two brothers, Robert Chasteen and Linus (Toby) Chasteen.

Survivors include a son, Christopher Gibson, Sr.; and a grandson, Christopher Gibson, Jr.; as well as many loved sisters-in-law, aunts, nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, and great, great nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services were conducted on Friday, Dec. 7, at Flatwoods Cemetery, in Woodsbend.

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Little babe on Christmas born you bring us peace and joy this morn. With love, we celebrate your birth. Heaven's child sent down to earth. The prophets knew that you would come. The Savior born for everyone, though, ever new, your story's old. So long ago it was foretold, mary, your Mother, sweet and mild, knew that you were the Holy Child, chosen by God your Mother to be among all women most blessed was She.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevelenger)

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You'll cry for me, I know.
But I don't need tears here.
I'm home where I've
longed to be
For, oh, so many years.
Life was not very easy.
And I had my share of pain.
But JESUS finally
said "enough"
When HE called me by
my name.
He said, "Let's take a journey.
You have family here to greet.
They've all been waiting
for you,
And your earthly job's
complete.
I know the one's you've
left behind,
They'll feel grief and loss
and pain.
But they need to remember
Oh, so little time remains
Until I finally say enough
And call them by their names.
Oh, they would be so happy
Just to see you having fun.
For today you are not limping,
My child, I'll let you run."
--Chrissy

You are finally home with
family you've grieved over
for so long. And, although we
miss you deeply, you are right
where you belong. You were the
most wonderful mother, grand-
mother, great grandmother, "ad-
opted" grandmother and dearest
friend. We will love you always.
(pd)

THE PROMISED LAND

In loving memory of my
brother, Bunk Stevens, at
Christmas time and passed
away June 9th, 2011.

When times were hard and
seemed so bad, you never gave
up. You gave all you had. You
put your life in God's hands.
New He's leading you through
the promised land. You've got
a new body with no aches or
pain and you'll never be sad or
suffer again. Your eyes sparkled
lwith so much love. Now they
sparkle in heaven with the

stars above. We all loved you
so much and hated to see you
go. But you're in a better place
where we would all love to go.
God blessed us with you for a
while. Now you're in heaven
with a beautiful smile.

Sadly missed and lovingly
remembered by your sister,
Alpha, brothers and sisters, and
relatives.

We all miss you dear brother
here on earth and someday
we'll all be together up there
around that great, white throne,
where all is peace and love. God
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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my parents, Isaac and Cynthia Stevens, at Christmas Time, and passed away many years ago.

Merry Christmas in heaven dear dad and mother. We all miss you very much and especially at Christmas time. You were the best parents any child could ever have. You worked so hard for all your family and taught us right from wrong, and you took us children out in the fields on the farm and taught us to work in the tobacco and corn fields, and we always worked in

the garden. We are so glad we learned to work on the farm. And when we grew older we never forgot all you taught us. We thank God for such good parents. You will never be forgotten by all your family. Someday we'll meet you up there and we'll all be together, and be happy forever, where all is peace and love.

(Submitted by your daughter, Alpha Clevenger)

IN MEMORIAM
In Memory Of My
Sister at Christmas Time

In loving memory of my dear, sweet sister, Elsie Delain King, who passed away January 1, 1989.

God bless you, sister. We love and miss you so much. You'll never be forgotten as long as I live. God needed another angel in Heaven up above and He reached down and took you home where all is joy, peace, and love. You were such a wonderful, sweet, and precious sister to me. I have wondered why you were called away at an early age, but God knows best. He wanted you in His kingdom where you'll be at rest with no aches or pain, where all is happiness forevermore, and shouting with the angels up there on the streets of gold.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your sister, Alpha Clevenger, and relatives.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of

Hassan Clevenger at Christmas Time

When times were hard and seemed so bad, you never gave up. You gave all you had, you put your life in God's hands. Now He's leading you through the promised land. You've got a new body with no aches or pain and you'll never be sad or suffer again. Your eyes sparkled with love, now they sparkle in Heaven above. We all loved you and hated to see you go. But you're in a better place where we would all love to go. God blessed us with you for a while. Now you're in Heaven with a beautiful smile.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your wife, Alpha, sons, Barry and Dempsey; daughter, Joy; grandchildren and other relatives.

Merry Christmas in heaven, Dad. We all miss you very much. Someday we'll be together in that bright city so fair where all is peace and love.

Changes to Form 1099-G and 1099-MISC for FSA producers

Calendar year 2012 brought several changes to the way the Farm Service Agency (FSA) reports a producer's farm program payments to the producer and to IRS.

In past years, IRS Forms 1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount.

In calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G (Report of Payments to Producers). Additionally, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all

payments from all counties is \$600 or more..

Producers who receive less than \$600 in combined payments should consult a tax advisor to determine if these payments must be reported on their tax return.

If the payments were subject to voluntary withholdings or subject to backup (involuntary) withholdings a Form 1099-G will be issued regardless of the total amount of the payments.

The same changes will apply to producers and vendors who normally receive IRS Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

For more information regarding IRS reporting changes, please contact your local County FSA office.

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Keeping Your Eye on Retinopathy

Nearly 26 million Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes, and another 79 million have prediabetic conditions that put them at risk. Roughly half of these persons can be expected at some time to develop retinopathy, the leading cause of blindness among American adults.

Once retinopathy has become established, there is no cure and no treatment that can reverse damage to eyes that has already occurred. However, the risk of vision loss can be reduced by 90 percent or more with early detection and careful management.

The best strategies for protecting yourself are things you should be doing anyway for overall good health: 1) Keep your blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure under control; 2) Don't smoke. 3) Get a dilated eye examination from an ophthalmologist at least once a year.

The latter is crucial and often ignored. According to results of the Los Angeles Latino Eye Study, only 35 percent of type 2 diabetics had received an eye examination within the past 12 months.

Diabetes retinopathy typically develops after a person has had diabetes for 10 years or longer. Because some persons have type 2 diabetes for years without knowing it, though, eye problems may be already present or even in an advanced stage at the time of diagnosis.

The major underlying cause is uncontrolled blood sugar which damages the tiny blood vessels in the retina or light-sensitive lining of the eye. Once these vessels are damaged, they become more vulnerable to changes caused by high cholesterol, high blood pressure and smoking. Wendy Lykins, APRN

The disease process typically occurs in four stages:

Mild nonproliferative retinopathy: Tiny blood vessels begin to swell and balloon out because of blockages to blood flow.

Moderate nonproliferative: Some blood vessels in the retina become blocked, inhibiting normal blood flow.

Severe nonproliferative: More and more blood vessels become blocked, leaving several areas of the retina without adequate blood flow. In order to get proper nourishment, the retina sends out signals for new blood vessels to grow—a process known as angiogenesis.

Proliferative retinopathy: This is the most severe stage during which new blood vessels proliferate in the retina. These blood vessels are abnormal and fragile with thin walls that are vulnerable to leaking. When leaking occurs, the result can be severe vision loss or even blindness.

Until this final stage, changes taking place in the eye are unlikely to cause symptoms but can be readily identified by an eye doctor looking into the eye through a dilated pupil.

Thickening or swelling of the central part of the retina, known as macular edema, can occur during any of the four stages. The macula is needed for sharp, central vision, and damage to it can cause blurring, particularly near the center of the image.

When macular edema is detected, it can be treated with focal laser treatment. Using a laser, the doctor makes several hundred small burns in the affected area, reducing the leakage of blood vessels.

Even when macular edema is present, however, symptoms may not show up or may not be noticed until the proliferative stage. Bleeding within the eye may come and go during this stage, but it must be stopped if vision is to be saved.

Treatment involves scatter laser surgery. In an effort to shrink the blood vessels, the doctor delivers one to two thousand small laser burns away from the center of the retina. Medications to stop the growth of new blood vessels have also been found effective during this stage.

When extensive bleeding occurs and clouds the vitreous gel that fills the center of the eye, a vitrectomy may be needed. This is a surgical procedure that involves removing the vitreous gel and replacing it with a salt solution.

While these surgical procedures are effective at halting the disease process, they do not restore any vision that was lost. Over the last five years, however, significant developments in medical management have occurred, offering hope not only to persons who detect problems early but those already suffering retina damage.

Two recent studies have found significant benefit from the use of fenofibrate and simvastatin, combined with lifestyle measures to lower cholesterol—even in patients with established retinopathy.

Holiday Column: The Gift

By Linda Oakley

I have not been in much of a Christmas mood. My mind has been on other things lately, and events in the news this last week have saddened me beyond belief. So I did what I do a lot of times when I am trying to capture the holiday spirit of bygone days:

I go back home.

Oh, not actually, physically go back home. Home and the people that lived there aren't even there anymore. But I go back like I do when I sit down to watch an episode of Mayberry RFD. I go back in my thoughts and I remember Christmas back then.

There were store bought presents under the tree on Christmas morning, but money was tight and there were many homemade things as well.

In retrospect, it is not the presents that I remember so much anyway. It is the excitement of Christmas Eve, hanging my sock up on the mantel and wondering how in the world Santa would not get burned by the fire in the fireplace when he came tumbling down the chimney.

The titillating expectation that I would find a pony by the tree in the living room when I woke up. The delicious things that came from my mothers kitchen and Daddy reading Twas The Night Before Christmas. One of my most favorite things was when Mother let me place the figures in the Nativity set and turn the little light bulb on that was behind the star so it shown down on the scene.

Weeks before Christmas I recall the sound of Mother's sewing machine long after I had gone to bed, and I remember boxes of doll clothes that I now know came from her hand.

One year my grandmother gave me a beautiful dress she had made. Years later when Dolly Parton sang of her Coat of Many Colors I thought of that dress. I loved it, but some of the girls at school made fun of it. It was stitched from quilting scraps. I recognized the pieces of fabric from clothes my grandmother had worn. A patchwork dress made with love.

Some years our cousins would come for the holiday and that was the best time ever. They brought a box of presents, but the best present was having them there with us. It is the experiences I remember and not the shiny new toys that were under the tree.

Over the years I have been gifted with special friends and family and times spent with them. I have to say that those are the holidays that I cherish most. And the homemade things given with love. Neigh-

bors have given homemade pies and cookies, and one special neighbor would bring us his homemade cinnamon yeast rolls. Knitted scarves and mittens and hand carved wooden ornaments, all have special memories of Christmas past. The thought and care truly is what counts.

There is a story about a boy in Africa who had a missionary teacher that he dearly loved. When she announced that she was leaving to go to another place, a party was planned to honor her. The boy was poor but he wanted to give her something she would treasure and remember him by. After much thought he remembered that she loved sea shells and he knew of a beach where there were rare shells found only there. It was a two day journey on foot from his village, if he started in the morning he would have just enough time to get there and back.

The boy walked toward the coast, his leathery feet carrying him through desert and scorching sun. When he reached the ocean he soothed his tired feet in the waves and searched for the coveted shell. The next morning with the shell held close he started the journey back and after two days he arrived just in time for his teacher's party.

Pulling back the layers of fabric that the shell was wrapped in, the teacher looked in awe at the exquisite masterpiece nature had made and the boy had gifted her with.

"It's beautiful!" she exclaimed. "Where on earth did you get it?"

"From the coast ma'am," the boy replied.

"But how did you get to the coast?" she asked.

"I walked ma'am," he said. "Two days there and two days back."

The teacher looked at him and said, "The shell is beautiful, but why would you put yourself through that long journey just to get it?"

"Teacher, the walk is part of the gift," the boy said.

With those words, the beautiful shell became priceless to her. The shell was beautiful, but the boy's sacrifice and time were the real gift.

The story makes me think of another journey that took place over 2,000 years ago on a road to Bethlehem and the gift given to us because of it. The time and the sacrifice that was made so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. And then the walk up a hill 33 years later. It is, after all, what the whole season is about and it was the greatest gift of all.

News Of Record

CLARIFICATION

•The Timothy W. Sargent listed in last week's News Of Record is not David Timothy Sargent.

• The Johnnie J. Jones Jr. listed in last week's is not Johnny L. Jones, of Grassy Creek.

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil cases – Anthony Barker vs. David Bailey, Dec. 6; William D. Slone #196533 vs. Warden Gary Beckstrom, Dec. 6; Todd Lambert et al vs. Delbert Wayne Bell, Dec. 7; Justin Kelly vs. Sammy Lewis, Dec. 10; Larry E. Watkins #096394 vs. Warden Gary Beckstrom, Dec. 11.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil cases – Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. vs. Summer Blanton, Dec. 10; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. vs. Courtney Slone, Dec. 10; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. vs. David S. Helton, Dec. 10; Mary R. Yates vs. Michael Yates, Dec. 12; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. vs. Thomas V. Lykins, Dec. 12; World Finance Corporation vs. Darlene Taulbee, Dec. 12; Jackson Hospital Corporation vs. Mark A. Benton, Dec. 13.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Rebecca Adkins – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – pre-trial conference Jan. 15.

Sabra Bailey – alcohol intoxication in a public place – pled guilty.

Steven R. Barnett – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – bench warrant issued.

Sandra K. Connelly – speeding 5 mph over limit, failure to produce insurance card – failed to appear.

Harold B. McCarty – alcohol intoxication in a public place – pled guilty.

Mary E. Raab – speeding 5 mph over limit, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seatbelts – rescheduled Jan. 8.

Stephen C. Thompson – speeding 15 mph over limit, failure to wear seatbelts, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, license to be in possession, failure to surrender revoked operator's license – rescheduled Dec. 18.

Lisa A. Whitt – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference – Samuel S. Gollihue – Count 1 – pled guilty, \$100; Count 3 – pled guilty, \$500; Count 8 – pled guilty, \$200, loss of license for 90 days.

Pre-trial conference – Anthony Lovins – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 (four counts) – rescheduled Jan. 15.

Pre-trial conference – Anthony R. Lovins – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 (four counts) – rescheduled Jan. 15.

Preliminary hearing – Lance A. Shackelford II – receiving stolen property under \$10,000 – rescheduled Dec. 18.

Pre-trial conference – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – pled guilty, 90 days.

Michael Ferguson – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – bonded out.

Brittany Fletcher – terroristic threatening (second degree) – preliminary hearing Dec. 18.

Pre-trial conference – Timmy W. Meeks – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – jury trial Feb. 13.

Pre-trial conference – Kristen D. Ray – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference – Larry Risner – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pled guilty, 30 days, loss of license for 90 days.

Pre-trial conference – Larry Risner – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pled guilty, 30 days, loss of license for 90 days.

Pre-trial conference – Dennia Taylor – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference – Dennia R. Taylor – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference – Dennia Renna Taylor – theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 – bench warrant issued.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Roy D. Buckler, Tammy Buckler, Robert L. Caummisar, Master Commissioner of Morgan Circuit Court, to Douglas Keeton, 12 acres, more or less, beginning at a stake on the State Right of Way of 519 running in a westerly direction with the Ollie Ferguson line, \$61,000.

Terry Johnson and Christine to Carl Wayne Blankenship, a parcel of land located on St. Rt. 976 and Barnett Ridge Road near Zag, \$300,000.

Georgia Gibson to Mark D. Halsey and Rachel, 2 tracts beginning on a set stone by D.M. Murphy's line on east side of Main Street, \$10,000.

Avelene Gay Forman to Douglas Forman, 1/3 of acre, more or less, beginning beside Ditney Ridge road, \$1 the sole consideration paid for this conveyance and pursuant with decree, of dis-

solution of marriage.

Rocky D. Smith to Lula Smith Timms, 1 acre, more or less, on the waters of Winding Stairs, Lula Hollow and Bee Branch of North Fork of Licking River, love and affection.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Morgan County Court Clerk, Randy Williams, has issued the

following marriage licenses.

Mary R. Yates, 36, of West Liberty, daughter of Geraldine Denise Croston Jackson and Barry Phillip Jackson, to Michael L. Yates, 62, of West Liberty, son of Peggy Gearheart Yates Hughes and Luster Yates.

JoAnna Patrick, 25, of Salyersville, daughter of Debbie Ann Gamble and Lonnie Patrick, to Ja-

son K. Stacy, 28, of West Liberty, son of Charlotte Wright Stacy and Jimmy Charles Stacy.

Amanda P. Cornett, 19, of West Liberty, daughter of Rebecca Lois Cornett and Curtis Gene Cornett, to Lucas H. Fraley, 20, of West Liberty, son of Mary Katherine Porter Fraley and Renny Scott Fraley.

Lacy Creek

Dec. 17--Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell have been Patty Ball, Dwayne Nickell, Jonathan and Charity. Randa Nickell spent from Monday till Friday with the Nickells. Darrell and Ella Mae Nickell attended church at White Oak Grove Sunday.

Recent visitors of Mr. and

Mrs. Dan LeMaster, Jr. have been William Dan LeMaster and Mary Lewis. Leova Lewis and Joyce LeMaster attended the viewing of Ronnie Hunt at Potter Funeral Home Wednesday night. Joyce LeMaster, Savannah Barrett, Athena Blackburn and Nicholas enjoyed shopping in Lexington Saturday. Thanks to the Lacy Creek carolers that came by Saturday

afternoon. Leova Lewis, Sharon Lewis and Joyce LeMaster visited Sunday evening with William Dan LeMaster. Joyce LeMaster visited with Jewell Young and Leova Lewis last week. Nicholas Blackburn and Joyce visited with Sharon Lewis Friday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all that read the Lacy Creek news.

Merry Christmas from us to you!

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C-4-5-tf

OLIVER HANEY CEMETERY NOTICE

Thank you for your contributions last year to help keep the cemetery mowed and cleaned. I hope we can count on your continued support for this year. Contributions can be sent to the following address: Oliver Haney Cemetery Fund, c/o Shirley J. Cassidy, 900 Hwy. 844, West Liberty, Ky. 41472.

C-4-12-tf

Gateway Job Club

The WIA program has a Job Club every week on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Gateway office. Our Job Club is located in the same building where the Morgan County Library is, on the 3rd floor-room 307. If you are unemployed then Job Club is the place to be. Job listings will be available at all meetings. We plan to have guest speakers from businesses at Job Club to inform you of what they look for in an employee. We offer help with resumes and interview skills. The Job Club services are free, so come out and join us. We look forward to assisting you. If you need additional information contact Sidney Castle at (606) 743-3133. C-7-19-TF

Pictures with Santa Dec. 20 at Library

You're invited... Don't miss out on story time, crafts, refreshments and pictures with Santa! Come to Morgan County Public Library, 151 University Drive, on Thursday, Dec. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Christmas play at Tom's Branch Church

Tom's Branch Community Church will present a Christmas play entitled "The Town Hobos", on Friday, Dec. 21, beginning at 7 p.m. The pastor, Bro. Jeff Montgomery, and congregation invite everyone to come. The church is located on Hwy. 772 off Hwy. 460 and Hwy. 519.

Airport Board meeting set Thursday, Dec. 20

West Liberty-Morgan County Airport Board meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 20, beginning at 7 p.m., in the upstairs conference room at West Liberty City Hall.

Wells Union Church Christmas pgm. Dec. 23

Wells Union Church will host its annual Christmas program 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, at the church. The congregation invites everyone to attend.

Water district holiday closings are announced

The Morgan County Water District will be closed Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 24-26, and Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1, for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Bethany Baptist Ch. Christmas play Dec. 23

Bethany Enterprise Baptist Church will present a Christmas play entitled "What! No Angels?" on Sunday, Dec. 23, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Rick Pelfrey and congregation welcomes everyone.

Bank of the Mountains to close for Christmas

Bank of the Mountains will be closing at noon on Monday, Dec. 24, and will remain closed for the Christmas holiday until Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 8 a.m.

Watch night service at Sandfield Ch. Dec. 31

There will be a watch night service at Sandfield Community Church on New Year's eve, Monday, Dec. 31, beginning at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Come join us as we pray the new year in and the old year out. Bro. Mike Brooks, pastor and congregation

Tornado recovery help is available

Help is available for anyone affected by the March 2 tornado if your recovery needs have not been covered by insurance or FEMA. Those in most need will be helped first.

To discuss your unmet needs, call Linda at 743-1225. There is no application form, but information about your personal situation needs to be collected. Linda may be able to help you if you call.

The Morgan County Long Term Recovery Team is a non-profit local organization whose goal is to help those who need help. Please call 743-1225.

C-9-20-3t

Nurse Aide class registration extended

The next class begins Monday, Jan. 14, and will finish March 1, 2013. Call (606) 738-4270 to make an appointment to register for this class. Don't miss out. The class fills up quickly, so register by January 7, 2013.

This is a "blended" program, and combines an on-line program, and a 1-on-1 supervised lab skills program. The on-line portion is accessible 24/7 on any computer that has an internet connection. The advantage is that a student can study any time and anyplace. There is no such thing as a missed lesson! The fee of \$650 includes books and materials, state testing fee, tuition, lab, on-line fee, administrative fees and is payable in full by January 14, 2013. A limited amount of scholarship funds is available to qualified students.

For more information, pick up a flyer at Sarah's Place, Elliott Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, or call (606) 738-4270.

Gospel Singing Friday, Dec. 28, at Ch. of God

Weather permitting, there will be a singing on Friday, Dec. 28, at Church of God on 719. Singing will begin at 7 p.m. The True Gospel Echoes, other groups plus local singers will be singing. Around 9 or 9:30 refreshments will be served. Come out and enjoy good gospel singing and fellowship.

C-12-20-2t

Watch night service at Sulphur Springs Ch.

There will be a watch night service at Sulphur Springs Enterprise Baptist Church, at Crockett, on Monday, Dec. 31, beginning at 7 p.m., weather permitting. Special singing and supper. The pastor, Bro. Bobby Fultz, and congregation invite everyone.

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Christ's Pantry food giveaway set Dec. 20

Christ's Pantry, of Morgan County, will sponsor a food giveaway Thursday, Dec. 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Index Community Church. This giveaway is designated for needy families in Morgan County. Participants will be asked to provide proof of Morgan County residency. For additional information phone 743-4356.

Extension Service holiday closings

The Morgan County Extension Service will be closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We will reopen on regular schedule on January 2, 2013.

C-12-20-2t

Worship services at Lick Branch Church

There will be worship services at Lick Branch Enterprise Baptist Church December 22 and 23. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by worship service at 7 p.m. Morning worship service every Sunday at 11 a.m. Bro. Joe O. Jenkins, pastor; Bro. Troy Kidd, assistant pastor.

Morgan County Water District holiday closings

The Morgan County Water District will be closed Monday, Dec. 24, through Wednesday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. They will also be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for New Year's.

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Caney Valley News

Dec. 17 - Hello again from Caney Valley. Our hearts are very heavy from the school shooting in Newtown, Conn., on Friday at the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

We as individuals feel sympathy toward the families of ones' slain, the community, and to the school.

We, as a nation, collectively feel sorrow for this state. We cannot begin to know the grief unless we have been where they are at.

Morgan County dealt with it's own scare on Monday, Dec. 10. A young lady used the computer to e-mail an anchor at WKYT 27, and then place a note on the bathroom door. We need to pray for this young lady and for the help that she will need.

We live in a day and time that human life is not regarded as a precious gift. We live in a day where parents (who surely don't need to be parents) are abusing their own. We live in a time where children turn on their parent(s) and kill them. In this case, the son turned the gun on his mother. Then this young 20-year-old man proceeded to the school where his mom was a teacher's aide and killed 26 individuals (20 children and 6 adults) before turning the gun on himself.

Lives were lost, families were shattered and school safety in that community will be forever tainted.

What is our society coming to? Our nation has left God out of everything. We as a nation need to get our focus back upon the heavenly Father, who is the giver of life.

The Lord is the author of peace, not confusion. God has to be a daily presence in our lives, which brings me to my point: How, as people, can we serve the Lord.

(1) Repent of your sins. In Luke 15:7, "I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

(2) Accept him as your Lord and Saviour. In 2 Cor. 6:2, "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

(3) Live in a manner of being Christlike. Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me."

(4) Develop a prayer life: In Luke 11:1, "And it came to pass, that, as he way praying in

a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." In the verses proceeding you will read the "Lord's Prayer."

(5) Read your Bible. In 2nd Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

(6) Assemble yourselves together in a house of worship-church. In Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

As I tell Brother Harry Flannery many times after his sermons, "I am fueled up and ready to go for the week." We have to be read up, prayed up, and fueled up, this is our daily bread and this is how we stand against the tricks of the devil.

In Romans 14:5, "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

We, as Christians, have to take a stand for the Lord. I plead (since I do not live in the city limits), for the registered voters to take a stand against the vote of alcohol in our city. Go to the polls on Jan. 22 and vote no to alcohol sales in our town, West Liberty, the seat of Morgan County.

Our heart aches with the recent events of this tragedy (the Sandy Hook Elementary Shooting) that has taken place, but our hearts should ache if the sale of alcohol is voted in. We have watched the TV reports continuing to unfold of this tragic shooting. Don't you realize that we are facing an enemy? I believe one of the state troopers in an interview stated that, "Evil has come to our town."

We teach our kids, "too good for drugs," and we say we are tired of prescription drug abuse. However, don't you realize that alcohol is a drug? If a person wants alcohol that bad, then let them drive to another county, purchase what they want, drive back home (sober, of course) and drink their purchase in the privacy of their own home.

This would be a safer choice than having an establishment that sales alcoholic beverages and a person leaves with alcohol on board not knowing if their journey will end in their own driveway.

Morgan County will never be the same if the sale of alcohol is allowed. As you are reading this, you may think that I am a fanatic. So be it! Each person has to take a stand for something or they will fall for anything. If a person opts not to vote, they are taking a stand already.

Extension Dist. Board special meetings slated

In order to discuss issues relating to the financing and construction of the Extension Educational Complex and the New Market Tax Credit program, the Morgan County Extension District Board will be holding the following special called meetings: Thursday, Dec. 20, and Friday, Dec. 21. Both meetings will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the conference room of the old Rifle Building. For more information, contact the Morgan County Extension Service at 743-3292.

Court clerk announces holiday closings

Morgan County Court Clerk's office will be closed the following days for the Christmas and New Year holidays and the state vehicle database is scheduled for an outage on those dates for year end processing: Saturday, Dec. 22, Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25, Saturday Dec. 29, Monday, Dec. 31, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013.

Christmas play at Red River Com. Church

Red River Community Church will have a Christmas play on Sunday, Dec. 23, beginning at 6 p.m. The pastor, Bro. Charles Glover, and congregation invites everyone.

Singing at Lick Branch Baptist Church Dec. 29

There will be a singing at Lick Branch Enterprise Baptist Church on Saturday, Dec. 29, beginning at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be the Kidd Family, from Rowan County. Refreshments will be served. Bro. Joe O. Jenkins, pastor; Bro. Troy Kidd, assistant pastor.

Kellacey

By Sandra Carpenter

Dec 17 - Thought for the week: The beauty of Christmas is not the (PRESENTS); It's being in the (PRESENCE) of Christ.

I would like to send out a Merry Christmas wish to Mr. Kinner, Janie, Miranda, and all the Courier staff. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share some news with all the many readers out there. I truly enjoy posting. To all the readers, I wish you hope, happiness and peace. I pray we remember the meaning of Christmas.

Don't forget the precious child that was born to become our savior forever more. Without him there would be no reason for the season.

To my friends, family, loved ones near and far, and to those no longer with us, God's blessing be upon you.

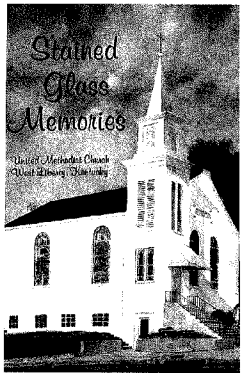
Sympathy to all who have lost loved ones, to the families of Lorene Perry, Donna J. Gamble. And get well wishes to the sick and suffering.

Barbara Carpenter submitted to outpatient surgery Tuesday morning in Mt. Sterling at St. Joseph. The surgery went well. She is recovering nicely at this time. It will take a while. Thanks for all the calls inquiring about her. The writer stayed and helped for a few days and nights. Then Tamera and Dalton Tate came up to visit for a few days and help out. They went to the Church at Toms Branch and Dalton got to see Santa.

A belated birthday wish goes out to Gearld Goodpaster (12-16). I missed you last week. Gearld picked up Harold Goodpaster on Saturday, Dec. 15, and they took a drive down to Winchester, where Harold treated Gearld to a birthday dinner at Captain D's. They came

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You may ask how, they don't care what the outcome will be. It is everyone's right and privilege to vote. I am praying that the alcohol vote will be squashed. You may think that I am being too hard and too strong on this issue. So be it! However with that being said, I will leave you with this, talk to a mom, a dad, a spouse, who has lost their loved one to the hands of a drunk driver, then tell me how hard I am.

As this is the edition before Christmas, I encourage you to read the real Christmas story. You will find this passage in Luke 2. As Sarilda Clark and I discussed last week, the Lord Jesus was born to die, but to live again to give each person the opportunity to have eternal life. If Jesus had not been born of a virgin birth, if He had not preached the kingdom of heaven, if He had not gone to the cross, and if He had not resurrected from the grave, we would have NO HOPE.

On Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, I would like to encourage you to start out your tradition by reading the Christmas story first, and celebrate the birth of Christ, as this is what Christmas really means.

In the passage of Luke 2:10-11, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Congratulations to Miss. Haley Linkous on her graduation from Morehead State University this past Saturday. Haley is the daughter of Keith and Myra Linkous and will follow in her parent's footsteps: becoming a teacher. May God Bless you Haley in your endeavors.

The Christmas program at Morgan Central was wonderful. There was a huge turnout of parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors as these children did their very best. It was a wonderful program and the students and teachers are to be commended on a job well done. The true meaning of Christmas

was presented by the fifth graders. Each grade presented their program in a high-spirited fashion. It truly was a wonderful night and a night of reflection on this Christmas Season.

We learned Sunday morning that Donna Gamble had lost her battle with cancer. We need to be much in prayer for her family, her son and daughter-in-law, and her little granddaughter. Donna had made her profession of faith, accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as her saviour. The pain that she was suffering is now gone and she can rest around the throne of Jesus.

Happy Birthday

Bridgett Hatton Craft, Dalton Endicott, Morgan Farmer, Matt Daniel, McKenzie Daniel, Richard Steele, Amber Day, Tara Horner and your writer, Tracey Hatton.

Happy Anniversaries

Happy Anniversaries: Elmer and Eunice Hatton, Jamie and Kim Burton, and James and Melanie Roberts.

Prayer Requests

Donna Gamble's family, Clara Fallen, Joyce Jones, Sandra Baotright, Cheryl Perry, Dorothy Elam, Berchlene and Woodford Henry, Terry Bush, McKenna Conley, Larry Adams, Janice Mitchell, Ryan Stacy, Bro. Tim and Sarilda Clark, Bill Gullett, H.C. Prater, Bro. George and Joretta Oney, Randy Adkins, Sue Hollon, Rayla Lindon Castle, Owen Homer, and always remember the lost.

May God bless you each and every day. Boone and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PONDER THESE THOUGHTS IN YOUR HEART

What is greater than God? What is meaner than the devil?

The poor people have it. The rich people never want for it.

Then if you eat it, you will die.

Look for the answer in next week's Licking Valley Courier.

Submitted by Daniel Hatton

2 & ½ cups sugar
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½ tsp salt
1 & ½ cup peanut butter
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1 tsp vanilla
1 & ½ cup plain M & M candies

Combine sugar, margarine, milk and salt in saucepan. Bring to full rolling boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Continue boiling over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter until melted. Stir in marshmallow crème and vanilla until well blended. Fold in M & Ms and immediately spread in 13x9 pan. Cool at room temperature.

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COURIER SPORTS

Morgan County Basketball

Cougars rolling to early wins against regional opponents

Jordan Perry scores 23 as Morgan tops W. Carter; Malinic tallies 19 points, 17 boards vs. Elliott

By David Patrick

Morgan Co. 73
Lawrence Co. 64

Jordan Perry scored 16 points and handed out five assists as the Cougars posted a nine point win over Lawrence County in Louisa.

It marked already the third region road win in the young season for Matthew Perry's team. The coach's son was once again the catalyst, hitting six field goals, including two from three-point range.

The freshman point guard also had plenty of offensive help with Jarred Burton and Jordan Whitt each scoring 14, while senior big man Aleksander Malinic added 13 points and as many rebounds.

It was Malinic that got Morgan off to a quick start with four of his team's first seven points. After the Bulldogs reeled off 11 unanswered to take a two-point lead after one quarter, Jordan Perry knocked down a timely three-pointer to give Morgan a 16 - 15 advantage.

But Perry was far from finished, scoring two more baskets to extend the lead to nine. The Cougar guard then hit his second 3-point bucket to make it 27 - 16 before Burton added a long ball of his own. Four free-throws by Whitt staked Morgan to a 40 - 29 lead at the half.

On the verge of getting blown out, the home team made an expected run, outscoring the Cougars 19 - 11 in the third period to close the gap to three. But Morgan saved its best for last, closing the game with 22-point fourth quarter. Five straight points by Burton made it a 59 - 52 lead, with baskets from Malinic and Samuel Aguirre late in regulation sealing the win.

Morgan converted 26-of-46

(46%) from the field and 16-of-22 (73%) from the free-throw line. The Cougars finished with 14 assists, nine steals and 22 turnovers.

Morgan Co. 71
W. Carter 60

Jordan Perry scored a game-high 23 points to again lead four players in double-figures as Morgan won its first game of the season against a 62nd district foe.

The Cougars and West Carter exchanged baskets from much of the first half, with Morgan leading by only three after one quarter. Trailing 8 - 6 early in the first period, Jordan Perry hit back-to-back baskets, including a three-pointer for an 11 - 8 Cougar lead. Another long range bomb from Perry pushed his team's advantage to eight. Morgan held off a late Comet rally to maintain 31 - 26 lead at the half.

Field goals from Jarred Burton and Jordan Whitt made it 35 - 30 game and a mid-range jumper from Samuel Aguirre extended the lead to eight. Perry's basket gave Morgan its first double-figure lead (42 - 32) before the Cougars closed the period with a seven point cushion.

Morgan's lead would never dip below six points the remainder of regulation. Whitt hit a pair of free-throws and Aguirre nailed four straight down the stretch to close out the 11-point win.

Aleksander Malinic finished with 16 points, hitting eight-of-nine from the field, along with nine rebounds, two blocks and as many steals. Whitt nearly tallied a double-double with 12 points and eight assists.

Morgan Co. 66
Elliott Co. 50

The Cougars made it a clean

sweep on its three-game regional road swing with a convincing 66 - 50 win over Elliott County.

Coach Matthew Perry's team used an 18 - 8 run in the fourth period to blow open a tight six-point game. Morgan had won the first and second periods (18 - 16, 15 - 9) before Elliott outscored the visitors by two in the third.


Morgan actually trailed 14 - 8 midway through the first quarter before using a 10 - 2 run to take the lead, courtesy of a three-point basket from

Aleksander Malinic. Another three-pointer by Mikie Whisman gave Morgan a 29 - 22 advantage. Two free-throws from Jordan Whitt made it an 11-point Morgan lead just before a late three-point basket by Elliott trimmed the deficit back to eight at the break.

Four quick three-pointers from Elliott helped offset baskets by Malinic and Whisman as Elliott pulled within two, 43 - 41, late in the third quarter. But Aguirre and Whitt converted back-to-back buckets to get the lead back to six points after three.

Morgan would then gradually pull away in the fourth period as Jarred Burton, Perry, Aguirre and Whitt each scored for a 10-point edge. Another basket from Aguirre extended that lead to 14 before Malinic made back-to-back shots to make it 66 - 48.

It was Malinic that finished with an epic stat line of 19 points and 17 rebounds, hitting eight-of-12 from the field. Perry shared game-high honors with 19 points, while Aguirre tallied 14, four assists and two steals.



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By Miranda M. Cantrell

The March 2 tornado hindered many essential services in its aftermath, including the distribution of medical supplies to elderly and other shut-in patients.

The Morgan County ARH Homecare Store office once located at 520 Prestonsburg St. was severely damaged by the storm, which also destroyed a variety of home health items.

Manager Dana Henry said employees returned to work immediately, as the office was moved to Cougar Corner in the immediate aftermath.

"No employees were in the office when the tornado hit," Henry said. "We didn't lose equipment, because it was in the basement. We did lose patient supplies, however."

Eventually employees moved to the MSU at West Liberty Academic Center at 155 University Dr., where they continue to offer home oxygen, CPAP/BiPAP respiratory assist devices, nebulizers, hospital beds and accessories, manual and power wheelchairs, lift chairs, diabetic products, internal nutrition, walking aids and mastectomy products.

"Our customers have been very loyal, patient and understanding," Henry said. "The current location is an inconvenience for some, but we do our best to accommodate their needs."

Henry noted that employees will remain at MSU at West Liberty indefinitely until they acquire a permanent location.

For more information regarding the ARH Homecare Store, call 743-3630, write to P.O. Box 580, West Liberty, KY 41472, or visit the office at 155 University Dr.

Business hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with 24-hour emergency service available after hours.

COMMENT

Going over 'the fiscal cliff' would have rural impacts

Tired of all the back-and-forth about "the fiscal cliff" and wondering what it really means, especially to your rural community? Agricultural policy specialist Aleta Botts of the University of Kentucky explains the basics and gives some examples in an article for the Daily Yonder and The Rural Blog.

"Many rural development programs (rural housing, electric, and community facilities) lose 8.2 percent of their budgets under the automatic cut," she writes. "You have probably driven by a sign in a rural community with the USDA logo about upcoming construction or renovation. These programs build libraries, lay pipe for new water systems, help build new

houses, and support many other projects that mean that rural communities have a higher quality of life; they also mean jobs for the people working on those projects. Under an automatic budget cut set to occur on Jan. 1, less funding is available for those types of projects."

We like her conclusion: "Going over the cliff seems drastic and avoidable. Veering away from the cliff will mean hard choices and shared pain. However, if those hardships and pain result in a more sustainable economic future, then they are justified and necessary. We will all have to accept some willingness to walk away from lines drawn in the sand rather than spending our time redrawing lines in fresh cement."

UK pgm. to teach entrepreneurship to rural children

A University of Kentucky program is attempting to teach Kentucky's rural youth about entrepreneurship through web-based and hands-on approaches, Tim Thornberry of Business Lexington reports. E-Discovery Challenge incorporates curriculum and hands-on approaches to apply what students learn to create successful business teams within participating schools, project manager Melony Denham told Thornberry.

E-Discovery Challenge leaders train elementary and middle school teachers to use the program's curriculum in the classroom. After the training, teachers can then use that curriculum in a way that works

best for their school schedules. The program consists of nine sessions that can be completed at the time of teachers' choosing during the school year. Classes devise a "business model" during the program that will end with a planned sales event, during which students can make money off of their business venture. Students are given \$15 as seed money, which is returned to teachers for the next class, and they get to keep any profit they make and split it among their team members.

The project is in its fourth year and uses an Appalachian Regional Commission grant to operate. It is administered by the university. Denham told Thornberry that she's encouraged that many teachers will continue the program, and now the focus is on training more teachers so it can reach more students

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Stephen Veno, left, Deputy Commissioner, state, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, presents plaque to Morgan County Child Support Enforcement Office staff, D. Joleen Frederick, Barbara Cravens, and Barbara Leach.

Child Support Office earns state's highest honor again for the 5th year!

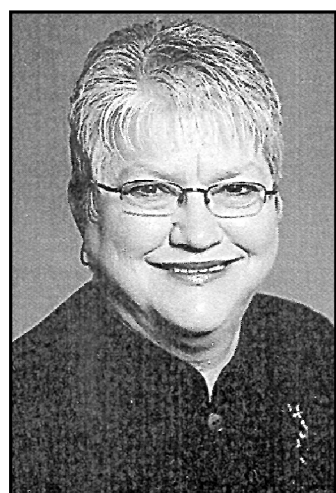
Morgan County Attorney D. Joleen Frederick announced this week that the local Child Support Enforcement Office has been recognized as the top performing office in the Commonwealth for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The Child Support Office has maintained this honor for the past five years. In addition, the office received a special award "Overcoming the Adversity of the Tornado on March 2, 2012."

Frederick noted that the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services, which oversees the local child support offices, analyzes state child support

data, and ranks the 120 counties based on their performance. Said Frederick, "The Morgan County Child Support Enforcement Office, which has consistently been ranked the state top performing office for the past five years, earned the distinction again in 2012, not just an Honor for Morgan County, but a ranking never achieved by any county in Eastern Kentucky."

Frederick credits her child support staff's hard work for their continued success. She stated, "Without the tireless work of Barbara Cravens, Office/Program Administrator, and Barbara Leach, Casework-

er, the office never would have achieved this type of success." The county attorney went on to say "I am pleased with the accomplishments for Morgan County, and that for a small county like ours, to be acknowledged as the number one child support office in the state, when compared to the other 119 counties, means that our office staff has worked extremely hard to provide competent services to the families of Morgan County and have dedicated ourselves to seeing that the children of Morgan County receive the child support that they need and deserve."



Sallie Nickell

Nickell earns natl. recognition for service

Experience Works, the nation's largest nonprofit training and employment organization for older workers, has honored Sallie Nickell, of Grassy Creek, for her outstanding service to local older workers.

Nickell has received the organization's Changing Lives award, which recognizes her efforts to help low-income older workers obtain the training they need to find good jobs in their communities.

"We're very proud to recognize Sallie's outstanding efforts to assist older individuals who desperately need to find jobs," says Shane Bateman, CEO of Experience Works. "The Senior Community Service Employment Program is a nonduplicative work force training program that responds to the ever-growing number of older people who both want and need to work. The current economic situation has forced more older people to look for

Best-selling author sings praises of Ky. sorghum

Touts local producers Holbrook Brothers and Townsend Sorghum Mill

Best-selling author Ruth Reichl is singing the praises of Kentucky sorghum, and in particular two producers whose names have become synonymous with Morgan County's annual Sorghum Festival. On day four of her popular Christmas gift guide Reichl writes that she's a fan of the sorghum made by the Holbrook Brothers in West Liberty, and Townsend Sorghum Mill of Jeffersonville.

Reichl, former editor-in-chief of Gourmet Magazine, restaurant critic for The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times, recommends Kentucky sorghum syrup as a gift for serious cooks.

Writing on her blog, Ruthreichl.com, she says, "I had my first taste of this American classic last winter in Kentucky, and found myself so fascinated I came home laden with jars of the stuff. At first I was just look-

ing for an organic ingredient to replace the nasty corn syrup that goes into recipes like hot fudge and pecan pie, but once I began tasting the syrups made by different producers, I was hooked. True sorghum is an artisanal product with a distinct taste of terroir (*French word referring to a food or product produced in a specific climate or location*) and it changes enormously from one producer to the next.

Reichl touts Lexingtonian Rona Roberts' book, Sweet, Sweet Sorghum, as a good source of both information and recipes. Go to Savoringkentucky.com.

Reichl is a fan of the sorghum made by the Holbrook Brothers in West Liberty, and she also recommends Townsend Sorghum Mill of Jeffersonville and sorghum from Bourbon Barrel Foods of Louisville. Go to Townsendsorghum.com and Bourbonbarrelfoods.com. Holbrook Brothers doesn't have a website.

employment, and Sallie is dedicated to helping them re-tool and re-enter the workforce in this way."

A non profit organization, Experience Works offers community service and employment services in Kentucky, 29 other states, and Puerto Rico through the Senior Community Service

employment Program. The community-based program helps low-income older individuals serve their communities, upgrade their employment skills, and get a job. For more information, visit www.experienceworks.org and www.facebook.com/experienceworks.

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HISTORICAL SKETCHES

by Joe Nickell



One of America's most interesting coins--the "V" or "Liberty" nickel of 1883-1913--was once commonplace in Morgan County. (Author's collection.)

LIBERTY NICKEL. A coin once common in Morgan County--the Liberty or "V" Nickel--has an interesting history: Both its beginning and ending were marked by scandal.

From 1883 to 1913, this coin was a mainstay of U.S. currency. It featured Liberty's head on the obverse side (see photo); on the reverse, the Roman numeral V denoted its five-cent value, the word cents not appearing but being simply understood. Or so the United States mint expected it to be.

Some unscrupulous persons, however, took advantage of the omitted word. They gold plated the coins and so passed them off as the similarly sized Liberty-head five-dollar gold pieces!

These plated fakes became known as "racketeer nickels," and they quickly brought about an alteration in the nickel's design. "CENTS" was prominently added below the large "V" on all subsequent Liberty nickels, beginning that same year.

The coin continued to be minted annually through 1912. None was designated to be minted the following year, when the Liberty nickel was replaced by the Buffalo or Indian Head Nickel of 1913-38. However, although no 1913 Liberty nickels were *officially struck*, a scheming mint employee did produce a few with an eye to the value of rare coins. Since those 1913 coins were unavailable anywhere else, the seller advertised his scarce coins with the knowledge that they would excite numismatists (as coin

collectors are called).

Today, the five struck coins are among the most famous and desired of American rarities. Indeed, a popular field guide to U.S. collectible money says of the 1913 Liberty, "Today it is one of the most valuable coins in the world!" The rarity has been counterfeited but only the most uninformed collector can be taken in by one of the fakes since all five existing specimens are accounted for.

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Bonny

By Faye Ferguson

Dec. 17--Hi everyone. Get well wishes to all the sick everywhere.

My brother, Dorman Nipper, of Ezel, has been real sick. Hope he is feeling better. We well, Dorman. I love you. Also, Virgil is not feeling very well after a hip replacement. He is in a lot of pain. But thank God he brought him a long way. Thanks to all the doctors and staff at Morehead hospital and also ARH in West Liberty. You all were so good to us. Thanks very much.

Virgil went to see his doctor today. They think is so great to see him walking. We praise God for that.

A lot of people have been sick with the flu. Get well wishes from all of us here at Bonny.

I got up this morning and looked out the window. It looked like a snow on the ground there was such a big frost!

Lonnie Meeks came this week and prayed with us. We were so proud to have him visit. He is a real good preacher.

We have gotten lots of Christmas cards from our friends and family. Thank you all so much.

I had a call from Justin, in North Carolina. So glad to hear from him. He said the baby was growing. She is a big baby doll now. I love them so much. Well, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless and be with you all.

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Morgan County High School Science Department students discuss documentary projects with Dataseam's Randy Evans.

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Students of Mr. Lacy's Physical Science class at Morgan County High School were recently treated to a visit from Dataseam's Henry Hunt and Randy Evans. These gentlemen assisted students on the ins and outs of interviewing for documentary films while describing their company's assistance in the research of cancer-specific drugs.

Groups of Mr. Lacy's students are making their own Film Shorts on the topic of companies currently developing new cancer-curing vaccines as a replacement or supplement for chemotherapy.

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dents' questions on how Dataseam contributes to the research for new cancer-fighting drugs by using the Mac computers in many of Kentucky's school districts.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Kopana Terry, Lexington, KY, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to restore and stabilize with rip-rap 135 linear feet of land along Long Branch. The property is located at 896 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water Permit Branch, Flood Plan Management Section, 200 Fair Oaks Ln., Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410. C-12-20-2t (Pub. Dec. 20, 27)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that John Mark Campbell, P.O. Box 2100, Pikeville, Ky. 41502, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a bridge. The property is located 0.6 miles on Rt. 1161 from the junction of Ky. 7. This structure is located over the Elk Fork of the Licking River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, Flood Plain Management Section, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410. C-12-13-3t (Pub. Dec. 13, 20, 27)

East Valley Elem. Honor Roll List

East Valley Elementary School has released the following honor roll list.

Patty S. Hammons' Kindergarten--Logan Cantrell, Kylee Ferguson, Tori Barker, Kwade Wright, Kanner O'Neal, Weston Osborne, Braxton Peters, Akyla Fannin.

Shana D. Reed's Kindergarten--Ben Skaggs, Kashon Keeton, Jenna Wright, Haylee Gilliam, Kadin Lykins, Zachary Cantrell, Michael Childers, Emily Johnson, Amrei Weber.

First Grade--Alyssa Adkins, Bennett Ball, Cameron Bolin, Dakota Bridgman, Kailyn Cantrell, Randy Cantrell, Rebecca Gilliam, Abigail Havens, Anthony Helton, Alex Hill, Garrett Howard, Anita Keaton, Makalia Pennington, T.J. Payne, Natalie Ramey, Laken Skeens, Maci Stevens, Hunter McCoy Wright, Jaydon Wright.

Super Honor Roll, First Grade 1-2 Split, Angie Keaton, Ember Weber, Madison Wright,

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Super Honor Roll Second Grade--Darian Smith, Abbigail Smith, Desiree Salyer, Brooklyn Ramey, Zach Keeton, Andy Buckner, Alexandria Smith. Honor Roll Second Grade--Kayleb Grone.

Deborah Burchett's Second Grade Super Honor Roll--Caleb Bates, Shelby Brown, Megan Conn, Alexis Connor, Kurstyn Ison, Caitlyn Kennard, Austin Mullins, Jerrica Smith, Kenley Williams. Honor Roll: Olivia Wright, Isabella Keaton, Elisha Ison, Jaylen Rollins, Camryn Banbell.

Perfect Attendance

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Larinda Nickell's Third Grade--Super Honor Roll: Emily Adkins, Kaitlyn Ball, Laura Childers, Braydon Gullett, Joseph Gilliam, Kazara Hopkins, Carlee O'Neal, Katie Pennington, Jarrett Price, Danielle Ross, Joseph Wright. Honor Roll: Brayden Cantrell, Whitlee Cantrell, Brayson Cook, Cole Dalton, Carl Felton, Jontae Hensley, Shelton Keeton, Kaitlyn Smith, Samuel Tharp, Jordan Wright.

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Bertina Murphy's Fifth Grade--Super Honor Roll: Caleb Brown, Robert Cantrell, Brittany Keeton, Derek Stevens. Honor Roll: Faith Bolin, Cassie Keeton, Jacob Bolin.

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Williams Creek-Elkfork Community Church, Rt. 3, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 522-4111 or 522-4591. Rev. Herbert Wright, pastor. Sunday radio service 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

Brushy Fork Church, Caney, KY. Services every Sunday at 10:00 am No Saturday services. Hobert Dunn, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of God, 568 Glenn Ave., West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-4161. Tim Yaden, pastor. Parsonage: 743-4161. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm Bible study for all age groups.

Hazel Green Christian Church, P.O. Box 66, Hazel Green, KY 41332. Bro. David Fields, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, 525 Main St. Campton, KY. Phone 668-3731. Sunday Mass 11:30 am; Wednesday evening 5:30 pm.

Faith Baptist Church, Caney, KY 41402, phone 743-4966, parsonage phone 743-1343. Bro. Mick Harden, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday disciples group training service 3:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday night mission friends, GA's, aceten's RA's, adult Bible study 6:00 pm.

Old Grassy Christian Church, US-460, Mize, KY 41352. Carl Roller, pastor. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Martha Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 3 miles up KY-589 off KY-172. Services second weekend each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Roger Ball, pastor.

Redeemed Old Regular Baptist Church, Caney, KY. Elder Roy Collett, pastor. Services third weekend of each month. Saturday 6:30 pm. Sunday 9:30 am.

Wells Chapel Church Of God, Stacy Fork, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Wells Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am every Sunday. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Joe Gilliam, pastor. Ruley Wagoner, assistant pastor.

Union Enterprise Church, Williams Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am to 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. First Saturday and Sunday each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Trivis Ison, pastor, welcomes everyone.

Walnut Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00 pm. Scott Latton, pastor. Eddie Keeton, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, phone 738-6320. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Mize Community Church, 1 mile west of Mize, KY. John Cornish Jr., pastor. 1176 Hwy 946. Ezel, KY 41425, phone 606-725-5622. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Old Time Religion Church, 1957 Flat Mary Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Douglas Dunn, pastor, phone 668-9168.

Daysboro Church Of Christ, Daysboro, KY. phone 743-3906. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. David Hinton, pastor

Watson Enterprise Baptist Church, HC 75, Sandy Hook, KY. Larry Dale Ison, pastor. Mike Gilliam, assistant pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Campton Church Of Christ, Rt. 35, Box 405, Campton, KY 41301, phone 668-6531.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1266 East Main Street, Jackson, KY. 10:00 am Saturday worship. 6:00 pm Tuesday Bible study. Phone (606) 295-3512.

Lick Fork Pentecostal Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Congregation and pastor, Jay B. Lewis, invites all. Everyone welcome.

Rocky Branch Full Gospel Church Of God, 3 miles north of Campton on KY-746. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil Lykins, pastor, phone 668-3643.

Torrent Church Of God, 1432 N KY-11, Zachariah, KY. Sunday School, 10:00 am, Sunday morning, 11:00 am, Sunday evening, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 pm. Rev. Marvin Hobbs, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Bethany Baptist Church, War Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday. Every third Saturday of each month Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Rick Pelfrey, pastor.

Stark United Methodist Church, Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. Friday youth group 7:00 pm. Friday adult Bible study 7:00 pm. Warren Vanover, pastor.

Ezel United Presbyterian Church, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-4215. Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. All ages welcome.

Cannel City First Church Of God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

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Index Community Church, 1749 West Main Street, West Liberty, KY 41472 (intersection KY-191 & US-460), phone 743-4733; email: index@mrte.com web: www.indexcommunitychurch.org Sunday School 10:00 am. Morning worship 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Dr. Mike Frisby, minister.

Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Warren Vanover, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Red River Community Church, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone 662-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Charles Glover, pastor.

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church, 163 Pine Acres Lane just off Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty. Sunday: Classes 9:00 am; Mass 9:45 am. Father M. Daniel Edelen pastor. Phone 743-3266 office.

Wells Union Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Jimmy Tharp, pastor.

Ophir Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 10 miles up KY-1260 off KY-172. Services first Saturday evening 7:00 pm. First Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Bobby Fultz, pastor. Bro. Ronnie Wright, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Pleasant Run House Of Prayer, Yocum, KY. Sunday School 10:30 am. Sunday morning 1:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Raymond Barker, pastor. Everyone welcome.

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West Liberty Christian Church, 304 Prestonsburg St. (corner of Prestonsburg and Court Street), phone (606) 743-4356, parsonage (606) 743-4355. Paul Casteel, minister. Matthew Riley, youth minister. Junior church and wee church 11:00 am. High school and middle school youth group Wednesday evening and Sunday evening 7:00 pm.

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Ezel First Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Youth group Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Youth church service third Sunday each month 7:00 pm.

Stillwater Holiness Church, 3-1/2 miles north of Campton on KY-191. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday evening 5:00 pm. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Patricia Crider, pastor.

Bear Pen Worship Center, Sunday morning 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday youth meeting 6:30 pm. David Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-3351.

Blaze Community Church, Services Wednesday evening 7:00 pm; Sunday School 5:00 pm; Sunday evening worship 6:00 pm; pastor Vernon Dale Lewis and congregation invite everyone.

Calvary Baptist Church, KY-191, Cannel City, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 5:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Harry B. Helton, pastor.

Campton Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Pastor Gary Conner. Parsonage phone: 668-3499

Hazel Green Church Of God, KY-1010 East, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning and children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Charlie Brewer, pastor, wife Wavelene Brewer.

Concord Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-32 eight miles west of Sandy Hook. Every fourth Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Ricky Lewis, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of Christ, Sunday Bible study 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study for all ages 7:00 pm. Paul Balch, minister. Phone 743-2132.

Campton First Church Of God, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

Laurel Gorge Enterprise Baptist Church, Youth services Friday 6:00 pm. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday, 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Virgil Franklin Gillum, pastor; Rodney Gilliam, assistant pastor.

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Grassy Lick Baptist Church, Grassy Creek, KY 41352. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Kenneth Gjevdon, pastor. Vernon Stacy, assistant pastor. James Tyra, assistant pastor.

Quillens Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Lester Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-6435.

Abundant Life Full Gospel Church, 801 Broadway St., West Liberty, KY. Phone 743-1549. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Donnie Wheeler, pastor.

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Haven Of Hope, 465 Main Street, West Liberty, KY 41472. Sunday School, 10:00 am. Sunday worship, 6:00 pm. Paul Tussey, pastor.

New Beginnings Church of God, off Hwy 519, Blevins Rd. Phone 606-743-1224. Sunday School 10:00 am, morning worship 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday 7:00 pm. Pastor Ruford Abner

Callaboose Community Church, Off KY-746 near Campton. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Burt Combs, pastor.

West Liberty Mennonite Church, located off Circle Dr. Wells Hill. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Drel Fyffe, pastor emeritis. Elder James Fyffe, 743-1567. Elder Steve Stoltzfus, 743-4195.

Faith Hills Mennonite Church, KY-172, Crockett, KY 41413. Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday evening second and fourth Sunday each month 7:00 pm, the fourth Sunday being song service. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty United Methodist Church, formerly at the corner of Main and Prestonsburg St. currently conducting open worship services at MSU Center Auditorium. Sunday School at 10:00 am; Worship at 11:00 am; Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm. Pastor is Jamie Brunk, phone 743-9083.

Trent First Church Of God, Rt. 1, Campton, KY 41301. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. David Stamper, pastor.

Christian Faith Church Of Freedom, Murphy Fork. Every Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Todd Kidd, pastor.

Woodsbend Community Church, KY-705 North. Phone (606) 743-3580. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening family night ministries 7:00 pm.

Assembly Of Faith Church, 5578 Highway 519. Sunday morning Bible classes, 10:00 am. Sunday morning worship, 11:00 am. Sunday evening worship service, 6:00 pm. Wednesday worship service, 7:00 pm. Berlyn Davis, pastor. Phone 743-9234.

Campton United Methodist Church, phone 668-3229. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:55 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm choir 7:45 pm. Rev. James Doughton, pastor.

Isonville Primitive Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. Phone 738-5816. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Christopher K. Harper, pastor. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty First Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am nursery provided. Sunday evening youth group 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. David Cook, pastor. Phone 743-3722.

Bigwoods Community Church, HC 75, Wellington, KY. 40387. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible hour 7:00 pm. Phone 768-3456. Rev. Jess Brewer, pastor.

New Salem Church, Moon, KY. 1/4 mile off KY-172 on KY-1715. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. James Wallin, pastor. Bro. Rick Keaton, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Lick Branch Enterprise Baptist Church, two miles off US-460 up Old KY-172. Every fourth weekend of each month. Saturday night business 6:30 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Joe O. Jenkins, pastor.

Neal Howards Creek Community Church, Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every third Thursday ladies and men's meeting 7:00 pm. Dean Lewis, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Newcombe Valley First Enterprise Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. First Saturday each month 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Jerry Porter, pastor. Mike Adkins, assistant pastor.

Tar Ridge Church Of God, Wolfe County. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Mike Smith, pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church, Gordon Ford. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. George Oney, pastor.

Church Of Free Worship, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 11:00 am. Sunday morning 12:00 noon. Stanley Rigby, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Old 519 Full Gospel Church, at mile marker 6 on Hickory Road, just off KY-519. Services Friday nights at 7:00 pm; Sunday School at 10:00 am; Church at 11:00 am. Pastor Joshua Hampton, 725-9424, or call 743-2078 for more information.

Tom's Branch Community Church, KY-772, West Liberty, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am; Sunday evening Bible Study 7:00 pm; Thursday evening service 7:00 pm; every third Saturday evening fellowship dinner 5:00 pm and church service at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome. Pastor Jeff Montgomery.

White Oak Christian Church Disciples Of Christ, White Oak, KY 41474, phone 743-4127. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Lee City First Church Of God, Lee City, KY, phone 662-6221. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Stanley Burnett, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Centerville Community Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Harry Flannery, pastor.

Vortex Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Leonard Cole, pastor.

Grace Baptist Church, Malone, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday discipleship training 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Bro. Mike Lindon, pastor.

Redbush Enterprise Baptist Church, Redbush, KY. Second Saturday evening each month 6:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Every third Sunday. Bro. Gerald Fyffe, pastor.

Hope Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-650, Doctor's Branch, Campton, KY 41301. Pastor Robert Sandy Hook, KY. First Saturday evening each month 7:00 pm. Sunday service 10:30 am. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm. Roger Dean Ball, pastor. Everyone welcome!

Hilltop Apostolic Church, KY-7 past Bruin. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Darrell Gallihue, pastor.

Victory Christian Center, Elliott County on Blaine's Trace Road off KY-486. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. David Webb, pastor.

Sandfield Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Mike Brooks, pastor. Delbert Coffey, assistant pastor.

Bethany Community Church, Bethany, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Daniel Wendell, pastor. Phone 668-3703.

Broadway First Church Of God, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-3759. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 pm. Bro. Karl Elam, pastor.

Lacy Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Lacy Creek, KY. Second weekend each month. Saturday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Bro. Tim Jenkins, pastor.

Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ, Lytten, KY. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil B. Fannin, pastor. Phone 738-6384.

Lacy Creek Church Of Christ, 2-1/2 miles off US-460 on KY-364. Cottle, KY. Phone 743-2380. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday Bible study 7:00 pm. Jimmy Adkins, pastor. 743-3801. Elder Dan Hittlepole, 743-3430. Elder Dr. James Frederick.

Words Of Encouragement Trinity Full Gospel Mission, Trace Branch, US-460, Magoffin County. Friday evening 7:30 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Pine Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Aaron Brooks, pastor.

Straight Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Big Mandy Road off KY-650. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Cortis Ison, pastor.

Countryside Community Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Bible trivia last Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm. Gospel singing fourth Friday at 7:00 pm. James Hinton, pastor, congregation well all. Phone 349-LORD.

Kernie Freewill Baptist Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Butch Whitaker, pastor. Steve Arnett, assistant pastor.

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Spring Branch Baptist Church, 100 Spring Branch Rd., Bailey, 606-668-9229. Sunday School, 10:00 am, Sunday morning worship, 11:00 am, Sunday night service, 6:00 pm, Wednesday night Bible Study, 7:00 pm.

Wrigley Baptist Mission, KY-7, Wrigley, KY. Sunday morning fellowship 9:45 am. Sunday School 10:00 am (classes for every age plus deat class). Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Fannin Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-557 (Ruin Road), Sandy Hook, KY. First Saturday evening each month at 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. George Stafford pastor and Jason Ison assistant pastor.

Crockett Community Baptist Church, KY-706. Pastor Hershell Wright. Sunday worship service 11:00 am.

Campton Christian Church, 312 Main St., Campton, KY 41301, phone 606-362-9277. Sunday morning 11:00 am; Tuesday Bible study, 6:30 pm. Minister: Will L. Cooper. Website: www.camptonchristianchurch.org

Saint John Baptist, Old KY 15, Pine Ridge, KY. Louise Lee Winchip Chapel. Sunday morning prayer 9:00 am. Holy Communion third Sunday. Wednesday evening prayer/Bible study 7:00 pm. Billy L. James, Senior Warden. 606-668-9030. Everyone welcome.

First Apostolic Church, Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty. Sunday School 10:00 am; Sunday worship 3:30 pm; Wednesday night worship 7:00 pm.

Red Bush Enterprise Baptist Church, Red Bush, Ky., Rt. 172. Services second Saturday evening at 7:00 pm; weekly Sunday School at 10:00 am; Sunday morning service 11:00 am; Sunday evening services 6:00 pm every third Sunday. Pastor Mike Sparks. Assistant Pastor Chris Baldwin. Everyone welcome.

Crossroads Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Mountain Parkway, KY-191 and KY-205. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship service 11:00 am; Sunday night worship 6:00 pm. Pastor Ray Fallen. Everyone welcome.

Emmanuel Family Church, Isonville, KY. Pastor: Ira Smith. Phone 738-4917. Services Second Sunday each month at 11:00 am. Everyone welcome.

Slade Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday service 11:00 am. Sunday night service 6:00 pm. Wednesday night Bible study 7:00 pm. Pastor Bill White, 668-6471.

Middle Fork Church of God, Services Friday at 7:00 pm. Sunday at 11:00 am. Sunday School, 10:00 am. Youth Group first and third Wednesdays, 6:00 pm. Pastor Dale Prewitt.

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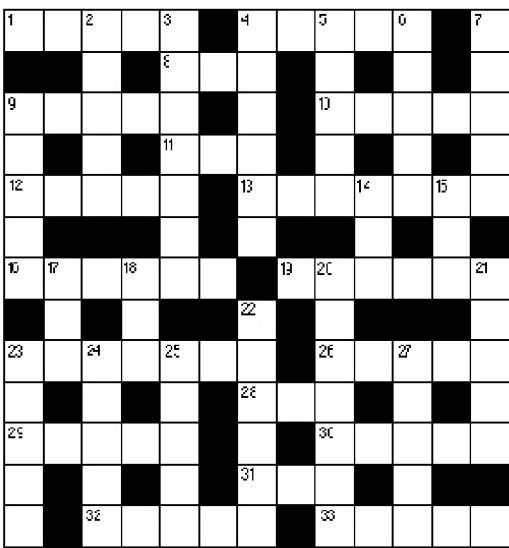
There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing on his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges their job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

And here are the answers

Here is the list in correct order:

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| 1. Amos | 14. Titus |
| 2. Mark | 15. Matthew |
| 3. Luke | 16. Genesis |
| 4. John | 17. Philemon |
| 5. Joel | 18. Chronicles |
| 6. Judges | 19. Daniel |
| 7. Job | 20. Nahum |
| 8. Hebrews | 21. Hosea |
| 9. Esther | 22. Lamentations |
| 10. Acts | 23. Revelation |
| 11. James | 24. Timothy |
| 12. Ruth | 25. Samuel |
| 13. Romans | |

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

- Collar
- Toss
- Paddle
- Pulsate
- Fruit of the vine
- Wickedness
- Swift
- Exact
- Clippers
- Vomited
- Afflicted
- Keen
- Young child
- Twelve dozen
- Diplomatic agent
- Religious sister
- Submit
- Dullard

CLUES DOWN

- Strained food
- Shellfish
- Caper
- Jungle cat
- Lift with effort
- Slumbered
- Petty quarrels
- Cereal
- Hint
- Garment border
- Perform
- Feign
- Filthy
- Mean
- Sodden
- Satire
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What you need to know about Renters Insurance

(NU) — If you are thinking about renting, there are many questions that might be on your mind, such as whether you'll have a good landlord, what your neighbors will be like and how you'll come up with the money for your security deposit. With all this to consider it can be easy to overlook the obvious — like renters insurance.

"Renters insurance satisfies a real need that many renters don't even realize they have. For example, a small kitchen fire or an unattended candle can easily cause thousands of dollars in damage," said Kathy McDonald, senior vice president Assurant Specialty Property.

For instance, according to the National Fire Protection Association's latest figures, residential structure fires accounted for \$7.1 billion in property damage in 2010 — an average of nearly \$18,500 per fire.

If you're looking to rent a house or apartment here's what you need to know about renters insurance.

•Renters insurance is affordable and easily fits into your budget no matter how tight it is. Renters can easily protect their belongings and enjoy peace of mind for as little as \$4 a week.

•As a renter, you are financially responsible for damage to your unit if it's a result of negligence — such as fire, smoke or water damage (via plumbing or AC

C issues, not flooding due to excessive rain).

•Many property managers now are requiring renters to have liability coverage. And renters insurance includes a liability component in case a mistake or accident of yours causes damage to a neighboring unit. Liability insurance also can cover injuries if someone is hurt in your home and needs medical attention. •Some renters insurance policies cover burglary lost or stolen luggage while you're traveling and even items taken from your car.

•If you move, policies can be transferred to new communities and locations without a lapse in coverage.

And for those renters who are worried about making their security deposit there is some help. Many apartment communities offer residents the option of making a one-time bond premium payment instead of putting down an expensive security deposit, with a program such as SureDeposit.

Renters insurance is an easy, affordable way for renters to protect what they own. Replacing your belongings after a fire or other disaster can be a costly burden. Why buy the same TV twice? With the right renters insurance program, you don't have to.

To learn more about how to select the right renters policy, go to www.rentersecurity.com. For info on SureDeposit, go to www.suredeposit.com

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According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, winter arrives at 6:12 a.m. eastern standard time on December 21. For many people, winter means shorter days, chillier temperatures and more time indoors. There are many ways you can use that extra time inside. For example, you may want to spend a few minutes checking your earnings history and getting an estimate of your future Social Security benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement, where you can access your online Social Security Statement. If you're planning to apply for Social Security retirement benefits, you can do that without going outside or visiting an office. Instead, brew yourself a cup of coffee or tea and sit down at your computer from the comfort of your home to apply online. Chances are your hot beverage will last longer than the time it takes to apply online for retirement benefits. Our website makes the retirement application process quick, easy, and secure. In most cases, once your application is submitted electronically, you're done. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required. Social Security will process your application and contact you if any further information is needed.

You can use the online applications to apply for Social Security retirement or spouses

benefits if you:

- Are at least 61 years and 9 months old; and
- Want to start your benefits in the next four months.

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- Your date and place of birth and Social Security number;
- Your bank or financial institution's routing transit number and the account number for direct deposit of your benefits;
- The amount of money you earned last year and this year. If you are applying for benefits in the months of September through December, you also will need to estimate next year's earnings;
- The name and address of your employer(s) for this year and last year;
- The beginning and ending dates of any active U.S. military service you had before 1968;
- The name, Social Security number, and date of birth or age of your current spouse and any former spouse. You also should know the dates and places of marriage and dates of divorce or death (if appropriate); and
- Your Social Security Statement. (Remember you can get your Social Security Statement online at www.socialsecurity.gov/my statement.)

So if you are staying indoors this winter, visit www.socialsecurity.gov. Your time online may brighten even the darkest day of the season.

Bernard O'Nan is the District Manager at the Ashland Social Security Office. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Ashland office toll free at (866)26903993.

Wolfe resident is appointed to Ky. Trails Authority

Gov. Beshear has appointed Phyllis A. Amyx of Campton to the Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority to serve for a term expiring Aug. 22, 2016.

Amyx is retired from the Wolfe County Conservation District. She represents Kentucky Farm Bureau in the eastern part of the state. She replaces Charles O. Little, whose term has expired.

Reappointed to the authority to serve for terms expiring Aug.

22, 2016, were:

Kim L. Nelson, of Madisonville, a self-employed financial and management consultant. He represents the coal industry in the western part of the state.

Virginia L. Grulke, of Lexington, executive director of the Kentucky Horse Council and represents the Kentucky Horse Council.

Sandy Runyon, of Pikeville, executive director at Big Sandy Area Development District. She represents the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts. Runyon shall serve as chair of the authority.

Black ice blamed for fatal wreck on Parkway last Fri.

Black ice is blamed for a fatal wreck that claimed the life of a 51-year-old woman on the Mountain Parkway near Campton last Friday.

State Police said three vehi-

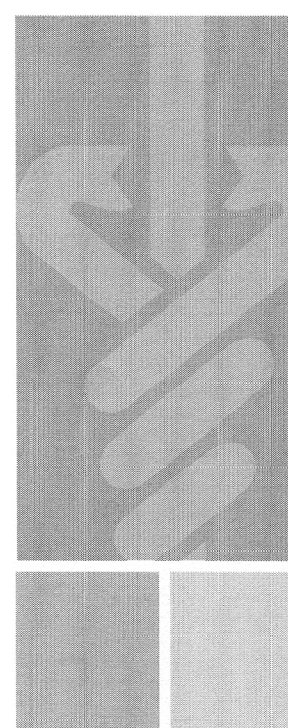
cles were involved in the crash that occurred around 11:20 a.m. when the driver of one car lost control after attempting to pass another, then slid was struck by another vehicle before hitting the third car head-on.

Police said Victoria Stommel, a passenger in one of the vehicles, was killed instantly.

No one else was seriously injured, police said.

The Mountain Parkway was closed Monday to allow for the reconstruction of the fatal accident.

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Government backs away from school lunch rules

To allow more grain and meat; nutrition advocates say it's OK

Dec. 13 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will allow more grain and meat in school lunches in response to criticism about new lunch rules that took effect in September. Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a letter to Congress that the USDA will end daily and weekly limits on grains and meat. The Associated Press reports.

Several legislators and school administrators complained about the new rules, saying students weren't getting enough to eat. The new guidelines were set to address childhood obesity. They limited salt and calories, and required servings of vegetables or fruits at every meal. (AP photo: Salads at elementary school)

"This flexibility is being provided to allow more time for the development of products that fit within the

new standards while granting schools additional weekly menu-planning options to help ensure that children receive a wholesome, nutritious meal every day of the week," Vilsack wrote. The tweak will allow school lunch planners to use as much grain and meat as they want. Many had said grains shouldn't be limited because they are a part of so many meals.

Nutritionists who fought for the new rules support the changes. Center for Science in the Public Interest lobbyist Margo Wootan said the changes are minor and prove that the USDA is willing to work with school nutrition officials to mitigate concerns. "It takes time to work out the kinks," Wootan told the AP. "This should show Congress that they don't need to interfere legislatively." Last year, Congress blocked limits on potatoes and French fries, and allowed schools to count tomato paste as a vegetable

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Library Corner

Best Sellers at the Library
Cold Days by Jim Butcher
The Black Box by Michael Connelly

Notorious Nineteen by Janet Evanovich

The Forgotten by David Baldacci

The Racketeer by John Grisham

Merry Christmas, Alex Cross by James Patterson

The Last Man by Vince Flynn

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

The Casual Vacancy by J. K. Rowling

Killing Kennedy by Bill O'Reilly

Thomas Jefferson by Jon Meacham

Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly

No Easy Day by Mark Owen

America Again by Stephen Colbert

Check the availability of books at: www.youseemore.com/mcpl

com/mcpl

Pictures With Santa--The library will be having its annual Pictures With Santa event on December 20th from 5:00--7:00 p.m. There will be Christmas crafts and refreshments for the children. Everyone is welcome to attend and get their free picture with Santa.

The library will be closed December 24, 25, 26, and 31.

Cannel City Coal Days

Ron Gevedon has spent several months researching and compiling information, articles, photographs and several other items surrounding the Cannel City Coal days. He has completed his work and it is currently available to be viewed at the Morgan County Public Library Genealogy Department. Stop by your library and take a look!

You're Invited!

Don't miss out on story time, crafts, refreshments and pictures with Santa Thursday, Dec. 20, at Morgan County Public library, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Your Social Security

The Medicare Age Is Still 65

If you're in your sixties, you probably know that the age to receive full retirement benefits has changed. But it's important to remember that the age to begin receiving Medicare has not-- it is still 65. Even if you have decided to wait until after you are age 65 to apply for retirement benefits, most people should start getting Medicare coverage at age 65.

If you would like to begin your Medicare coverage when you first become eligible, we suggest that you apply within three months of reaching age 65. You can do it online in as little as 10 minutes at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare-only.

At the website, you'll find more than just the online Medicare application. You'll also find information about Medicare, and have the opportunity to watch some short videos about applying for Medicare online. One is a family reunion for the cast of The Patty Duke Show. In another, Patty Duke and George Takei go boldly where you should be going--online.

Why go online to apply for Medicare? Because it's fast, easy, and secure. You don't

need an appointment and you can avoid waiting in traffic or in line. As long as you have ten minutes to spare, you have time to complete and submit your online Medicare application.

People who started receiving Social Security retirement or disability benefits before age 65 do not need to apply; they will be automatically enrolled in Medicare.

There is no additional charge for Medicare hospital insurance (Part A) since you already paid for it by working and paying Medicare tax. However, there is a monthly premium for medical insurance (Part B). If you already have other health insurance when you become eligible for Medicare, you should consider whether you want to apply for the medical insurance. To learn more about Medicare and some options for choosing coverage, read the online publication, Medicare, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html or visit www.Medicare.gov.

To learn more about applying for Medicare Only using the online application, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly.

Bernard O'Nan is the District Manager at the Ashland Social Security Office. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Ashland office toll free at (866)269-3993.

The joy that every mother knows

Who feels her babe against her breast:

The voyage long is over-past,

And now is calm and peace and rest.

"Art thou the Christ?" The wonder came

As easy as her infant's breath:

But answer none. Enough for her,

That love had triumphed over death.

—Selected

His Mother's Joy

(John White Chadwick)

Little, I ween, did Mary guess,

As on her arm her baby lay,

What tides of joy would swell and beat,

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Snow and ice removal priorities for winter season in Morgan County

JACKSON, Ky. — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways has established priority routes for snow and ice removal for the upcoming winter season in Morgan County.

The Department of Highways is responsible for keeping approximately 255 miles of state-maintained roadway in Morgan County passable in inclement weather. It sets snow removal priorities according to the amount and nature of traffic on the routes

within each individual county. Priority A routes include major through routes and are those most heavily traveled. Priority B routes include other important, but lesser traveled, routes in the county. Other roads fall into Priority C or D.

In Morgan County, Priority A highways are the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway, US 460, KY 7, KY 203, KY 205, KY 519 and a portion of KY 172.

"We were fortunate to have

a mild winter last year," said Corbett Caudill, chief district engineer for the Department of Highways District 10. "This year's long-range forecast calls for a wetter and colder winter than we had last year."

"We ask drivers to be patient during snow removal operations," Caudill added. "Drivers should slow down, keep an eye out for snowplows, and remember to buckle up to ensure their

safety. Our crews will work as fast as they can to clear the highways."

Again this year, District 10 will use Twitter and Facebook to provide current, updated reports on road conditions when weather-related emergencies occur. These social media outlets are available on home computers and Internet-enabled smartphones.

For the latest road conditions in bad weather, motorists may also dial 511 to hear traffic and travel information. Signs have been erected throughout the 10 counties of District 10 to promote the 511 service.

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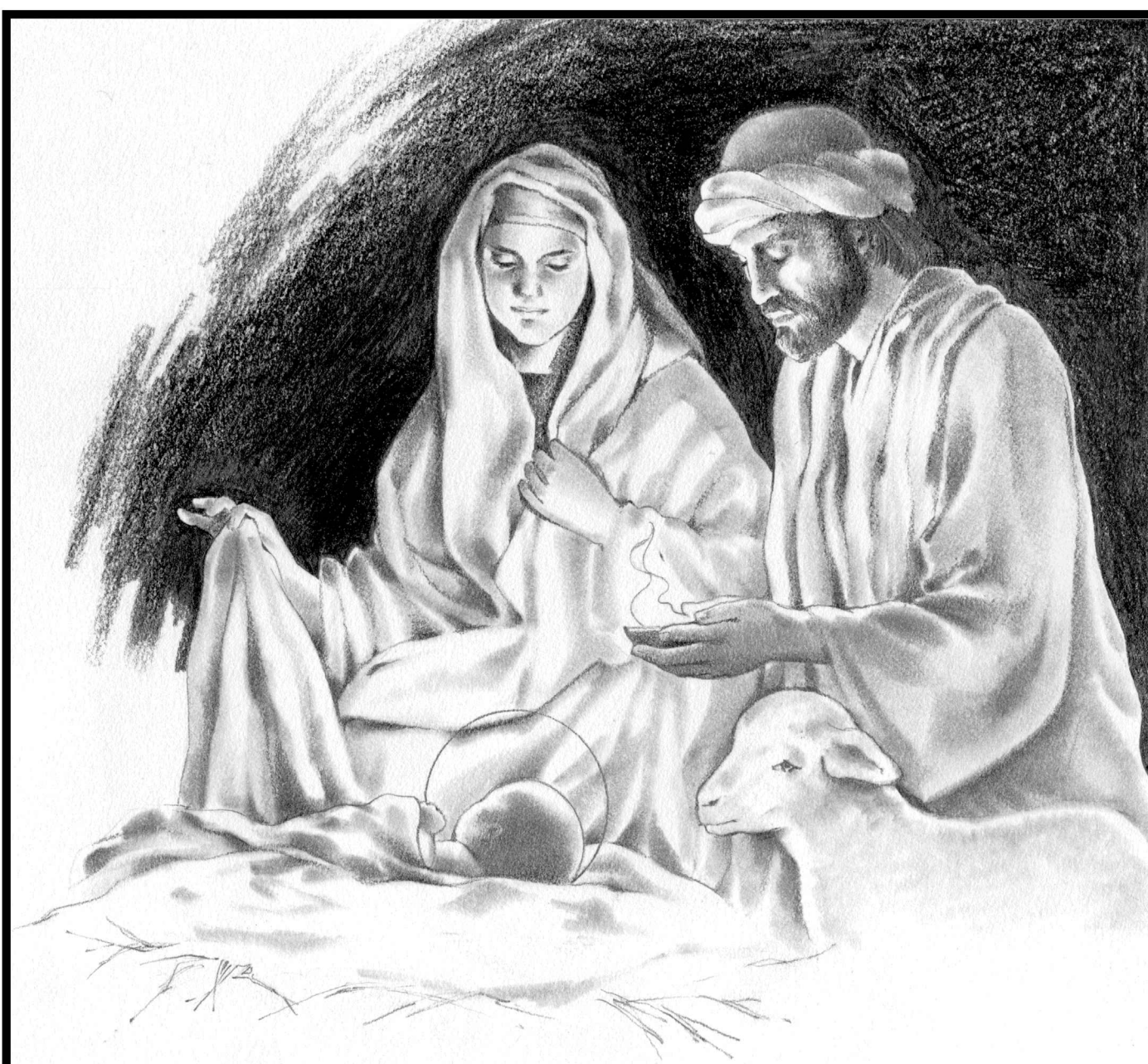
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At The Birth Of Our Savior

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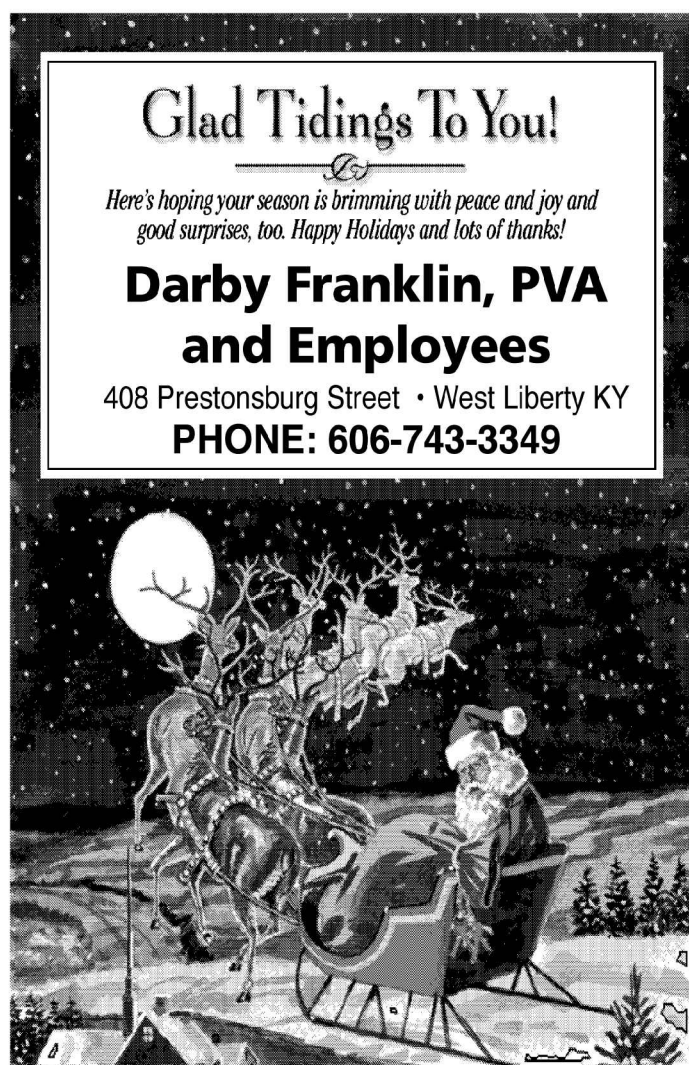
With best wishes for a joyous Yuletide from all of us.



513 Main Street
West Liberty, KY 41472

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Merry Christmas
Grady & Coleen Kegley



Glad Tidings To You!

Here's hoping your season is brimming with peace and joy and good surprises, too. Happy Holidays and lots of thanks!

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May
*Good Tidings
Knock On
Your Door
This Holiday.*

Though it's cold outside,
it's cozy in here,

As we gather with friends
from far and near.

No matter where you may
travel

or what people may say,
There's no place like home
for the holiday!

Best wishes to you and
your family, as you
welcome the peace and
joy of the Christmas
season into your
home. We hope your
holiday is filled with
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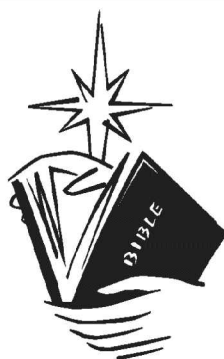


**JOLLY
GREETINGS**

Let the season bring us
a glimmer of the fun,
excitement and wonder that
it held for us as children.

**McKenzie's
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**JOY TO
THE
WORLD**

May you enjoy the beauty
and love that is Christmas,
and remember the true
spirit of this holy time.

Peace to all.

**Lourinda
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**LIGHT UP
YOUR
HOLIDAY!**

We ho, ho, hope you enjoy
a season illuminated with
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Merry Christmas from...

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Christmas History

The most joyous day in Christian history is closely connected to ancient rituals. In fact, mid-winter holidays have been celebrated since long before the birth of Christ.

In Scandinavia, the Norse celebrated Yule from Dec. 21, which is the winter solstice, through January. Winter solstice was an important holiday for ancient people, who believed the sun was a god. The Egyptians, early Romans and Celts all celebrated winter solstice. The Druids, the priests of the ancient Celts, decorated their temples with evergreen boughs, as did the Romans.

Christmas, which was once celebrated on Jan. 6, was moved to Dec. 25 in 354 A.D. Dec. 25 was also historically significant

to the ancients. The Phrygian and Persian sun gods were born on that date, according to ancient history.

Germany created the Christmas tree in the 16th century when Christians bought decorated trees into their homes. German introduced the tradition to America. The first American Christmas tree of record was decorated with homemade ornaments, apples, nut and marzipan cookies in the 1830s by German settlers in Pennsylvania.

While Europeans preferred small trees about four feet in height, Americans opted for towering trees that reached from floor to ceiling.

The first eggnog made in the United States was concocted

in the Jamestown, Va., settlement, according to the writings of Captain John Smith. Nog is derived from the word "grog," which refers to any drink made with rum.

Santa Claus

St. Nicholas is believed to have been a monk born in modern-day Turkey in 280 A.D. Many legends surround St. Nicholas, who was revered for his kindness and purity. It is believed that St. Nick traveled the countryside dispersing his inherited wealth to the needy. Other legends say that he provided dowries for three sisters, thereby saving them from being sold into slavery by their father.

Over the centuries, St. Nicholas legends sprouted and took hold. He became the protector of children and sailors. The day of his death, Dec. 6, is considered a lucky day to make big purchases or get married. Children receive gifts on Dec. 6 in many countries. In Germany, children are gifted candy.

Modern day Christmas is a blend of ancient festivities and symbols that heralded the winter solstice, melded with Christianity and Christian legends. One aspect of the winter holiday has remained consistent through the millennia: Christmas is a time for expressing gratitude and sharing the bounty of blessings we have been given.

I LIKE THE PROMISE

Christ is calling all His children, "come and be blessed. Though ye are heavy laden, I'll give you rest." Lean on His promise, brother, you'll find its true. I like the one that says "I'm coming for you." I like the promise that He gave when He left. Though He's the rock and I can hide in the cleft, though He will pilot us so safely on through, I like the promise that says "I'm coming for you?" Many are the sainted loved ones gone on before. Loved ones who left us now await on that shore. Sometimes their leave has left us lovely and blue, 'til Jesus wishers, "I'm coming for you."

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

HE HIDETH MY SOUL

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Saviour to me, He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land, He hideth my life in the depths of His love and covers me there with His hand a wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord. He taketh my burdens away. He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved. I shall not be moved. He giveth me strength as my day, with numberless blessings each moment. He crowns and filled with His fullness divine, I sing in my rapture, oh glory to God for such a redeemer as mine. When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise to meet Him in clouds of the sky. His perfect salvation, His wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high.

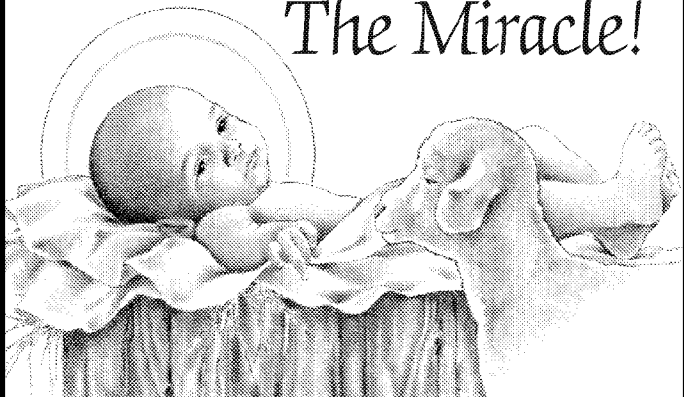
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Trivia Tidbit

Sir Walter Norman Haworth was an English scientist who conducted important research on the constitution of carbohydrates and vitamin C.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Celebrate The Miracle!



As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we're reminded of the many blessings we enjoy, including the opportunity to serve good people like you. Merry Christmas and many thanks for your generous support all year long.

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May Happiness Follow

*We hope this holiday you'll get carried away with the festivities of the season.
Because of you, we can ride into the new year full speed ahead!*

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In The Spirit Of The Season

At Christmastime, we'd like to renew our commitment to serving the community, and we thank you all for your faith in us. Have a joyous Noel!

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Mona Lisa Thornberry

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Season's Greetings

We wish our friends, both far and near, a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Bronson Phipps Family
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Wanda, Terry, Bobby, Greg & Liz,
Mike & Phyllis Phipps, and
Patty Phipps Turley

The Season of Cheer

When winter spreads its gentle mantle of white over the countryside, everyone warms with the spirit of this happiest of seasons.

Happy holidays to all!

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O Christmas Tree ... O Christmas Tree... How Lovely Folks Like You Can Be!

Christmas is our favorite time of year because it gives us a special opportunity to connect with friends and acquaintances old and new — and to tell you how much we appreciate you.

Happy Holidays, everyone!

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Christmas tree safety tips from local fire department

The West Liberty Fire Department would like to encourage all holiday participants to think fire safety this holiday season. Each year at this time

2,600 people are injured, causing close to \$1 billion in damages. According to the United States Fire Administration, here are some tips to reduce your

chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

- Selecting a tree: Always select a fresh tree. Needles should be green and hard to pull back from the branches and the needle should not break if it has been freshly cut. Lift the tree and bounce the trunk on the ground. If a lot of needles fall it is not a fresh tree.

- Caring for your tree: Keep your tree away from heating sources. Many people like to place their tree by the fire or will be using space heaters nearby; this will dry out the

tree and cause a fire hazard. Keep your tree's stand filled with water and do not keep a fresh cut tree longer than two weeks. (Follow this link to view how stunningly quick a whole room catches fire from a spark on a dry tree (this is public domain and may be used): http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/media/tree_fire.mpeg.

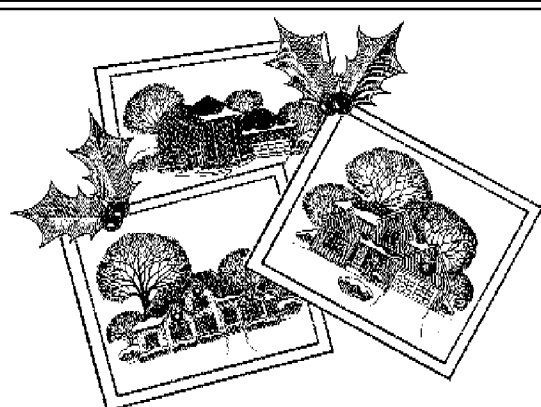
- Use candles with care: Candles can be dangerous, so if you use them make sure they are on stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never

place them on a tree or leave the house with them still lit and unattended.

- Disposing of your tree: Never burn tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly by taking it to a recycling center.

Did You Know?

Legend has it an Egyptian queen named Berenice vowed to sacrifice her hair if her husband returned home victorious from war. When he did and she did, it's said, the hair she cut off was wafted to heaven where it became a cluster of stars.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

May the spirit of the season fill your heart, and your home, and may you and your loved ones enjoy the warmth of an old-fashioned Christmas.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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DREAMING OF A White Christmas



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With gratitude for your friendship and patronage,
Happy Holidays from all of us.

Cougar Corner

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Winter Wonderland

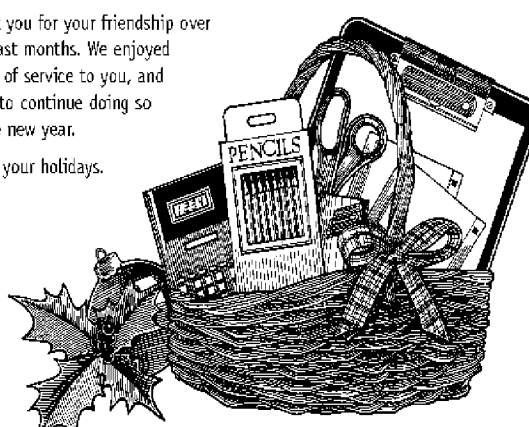
May the special joys of the season be yours.
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Enjoy your holidays.



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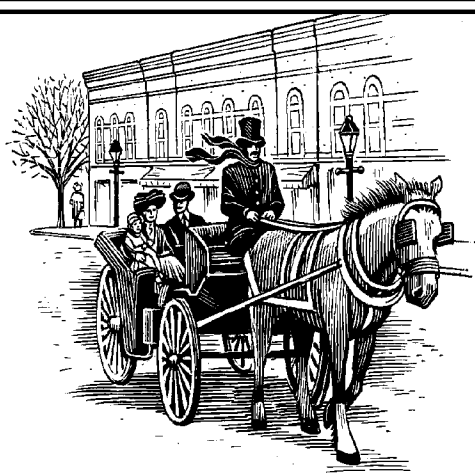
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Glad Tidings at Christmas

Here's hoping every happiness comes your way throughout this holiday season and beyond.

Many thanks for your loyal support.

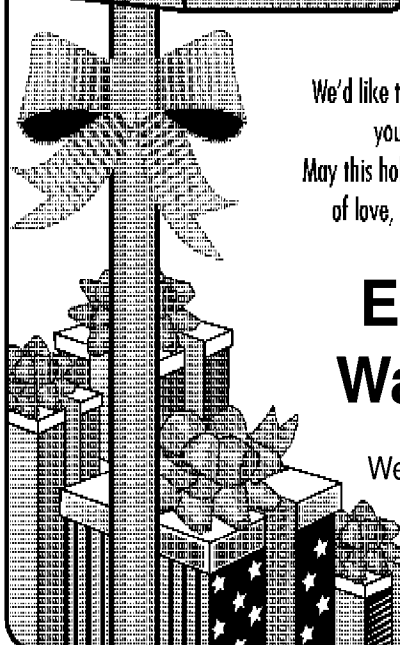
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Sending Our Best

We'd like to deliver our gratitude for your devoted support.
May this holiday season bring you gifts of love, peace and contentment.

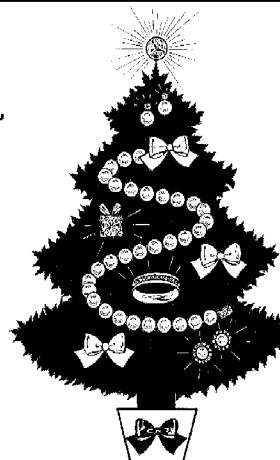


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Phone
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Phone: 743-4111

Dr. J. Kent Nickell, Dr. Randy Steele & Staff

Merry Christmas!



The Season of Joy

We look forward to a wonderful holiday, and we hope that all of our loyal friends and patrons will enjoy the season as well.

We give you our thanks, and wish everyone much happiness.

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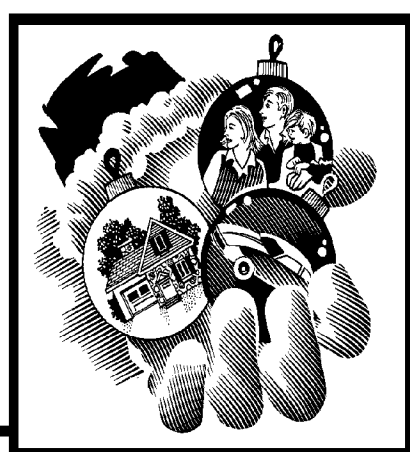

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A happy and healthy holiday season to our many friends all over the region!

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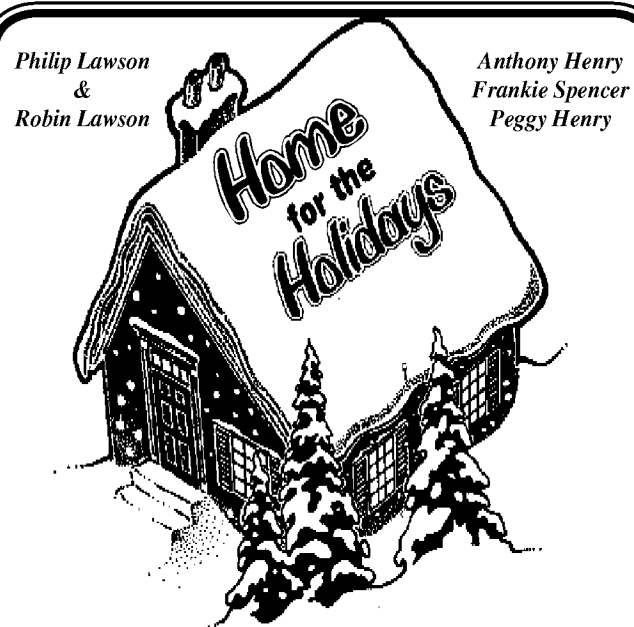



Have A Merry Christmas And May God Bless Your Family!

As we rush headlong into the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we hope you'll have ample time for lots of old-fashioned Christmas fun with family and friends.

With sincere thanks for contributing to our success this season.

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Home for the Holidays

May you enjoy all the best of the season, with those near and dear to you.

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Stocking Stuffers Let Family Gamers Settle Scores

(NAPSA)—Spending time with certain family members during the holidays can occasionally bring out the fighter in all of us—and that might be a good thing if you're playing some of the season's hottest new fighting games.

Games can be a fun way to reduce holiday stress as they let mom, dad and kids virtually duke it out in fighting games appropriate for players of all ages. A handful of exciting games from Capcom are quickly becoming family and fighting game fan favorites, and are also among the season's most popular holiday gifts.

Here's a look at some of the best:

The Future Fight
Families can battle the holiday doldrums with a new sci-fi videogame thrill ride called "Spyborgs," developed exclusively for Wii. Combining an extraordinary futuristic world with action-packed, two-player controls, "Spyborgs" lets gamers assume the role of cybernetically enhanced superheroes who are betrayed by one of their own. Players must work together through two player co-op to defeat this traitor through more than 35 stages of mind-blowing challenges.

packed with epic battles and swarms of enemies that only two can defeat. The two-player co-op feature in "Spyborgs" also emphasizes teamwork to find solutions together to defeat evildoers.

An Arcade Classic
The legendary fighting series, "Street Fighter," is back with "Street Fighter IV: Platinum Edition." The game, which has already sold over 1.5 million copies, will let parents who grew up playing the arcade classic share the action-packed fun with their kids for under \$30. "Street Fighter IV" offers hours of fighting action and lets players control their favorite classic characters, including Ryu, Ken, Chun-Li and Guile, along with a group of new fighters. Gamers can use special moves and visit amazing locations as they wax nostalgic over the virtual martial arts title—or introduce it to a whole new generation of players.

A Matter Of Fate
A new portable game lets families do battle at the airport, in the car or virtually anywhere

else their holiday travels take them. Called "Fate/Unlimited Codes," it challenges players to assume the part of warriors clashing in a battle royal for the Holy Grail. Available as a downloadable game for the PlayStation Portable system, the game offers fast-paced, weapons-based fighting that can be wirelessly shared with family or friends. Based on the popular Japanese visual novel "Fate/Stay Night," it features a deep roster of characters and unique fighting moves.

For more information, visit www.capcom.com.

Action games can provide fun and stress release for families.

A Funny

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was once reminded of an especially cruel thing that had been done to her years before. But Miss Barton seemed not to recall it. "Don't you remember it?" her friend asked. "No," came the reply, "I distinctly remember forgetting the incident."

What Money Can And Cannot Buy

A bed but not sleep,
Books but not brains,
Food but not appetite,
Finery but not beauty,
A house but not a home,
Medicine but not health,
Luxuries but not culture,
Amusements but not happiness,
Boon companions but not friends,
Flattery but not respect.

A Funny

Shoveling the walk before it stops snowing is like cleaning your house while your kids are still growing.

Phyllis Diller

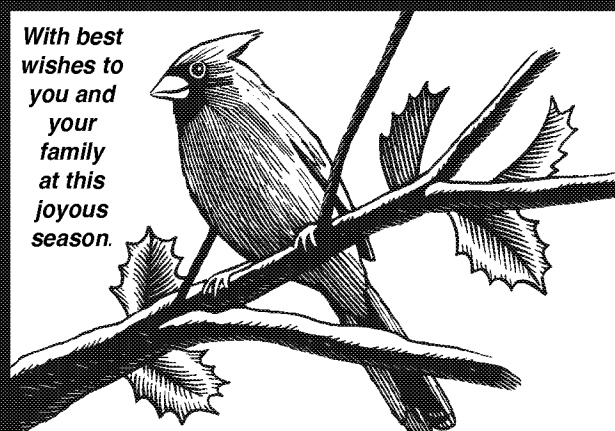
A Christmas Thought

By Lucy Larcom

Oh! Christmas is coming again,
you say,
And you long for the things he is bringing;
But the costliest gift may not gladden the day,
Nor help on the merry bells ringing.
Some getting is losing, you understand;
Some hoarding is far from saving;
What you hold in you hand may slip from your hand;
There is something better than having;
We are richer for what we give;
And only by giving we live.
Your last year's presents are scattered and gone;
You have almost forgot who gave them;
But the loving thought you bestow live on

As long as you choose to have them.
Love, love is your riches, though ever so poor;
No money can buy that treasure; yours always, from robber and rust secure,
Your own without stint or measure,
It is only love that we can give; It is only by loving that we live.
For who is it smiles through the Christmas morn—
The Light of the wide creation? A dear little child in a stable born,
whose love is the world's salvation.
He was poor on earth, but he gave us all
That can make our life worth the living;
And happy the Christmas day we call
That is spent, for His sake, in giving.
He shows us the way to live; Like him, let us love and give.
Submitted by
Carol Finch Adkins

With best wishes to you and your family at this joyous season.



Holiday Greetings



From:

Fannin's Vegetables

2140 Highway 460 • West Liberty, Ky.
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Good Tidings


May you and yours enjoy smooth sailing all through the holidays.

Thanks for staying the course with us!

Country Carpet

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WITH OUR GRATITUDE AT CHRISTMASTIME



As we celebrate the message of that very first Noel, we wish you and your family exceeding great joy this holiday season.

We feel both honored and blessed to serve people like you!

From The Lemon Tree

Paul, Jo and Samantha Jarvis,
Becky King, Josh Jarvis, Lyndsey Green, Brittany King
Thanks For Your Support In 2012. Hope To See You In 2013.

May Faith Be Your Guide



Guided by a single star on that first Noel, the shepherds came to worship the newborn King.

Today, Christmas gives us all an opportunity to renew our faith in His many good graces and to acknowledge the many blessings we enjoy including the friendship of people like you. Merry Christmas!

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We Appreciate Your Choosing Us.

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Festive Greetings



Have a safe and Happy Holiday.

Donna Pelfrey
Circuit Clerk & Staff

As the year ends, check your drivers license, renewal date and don't forget to renew and donate your dollar to the Ky. Organ Donor Affiliation.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

LET FAITH BE YOUR GUIDE!



MAY ALL YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS
COME TRUE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.
FOR YOUR FAITH IN US, WE ARE
FOREVER GRATEFUL.

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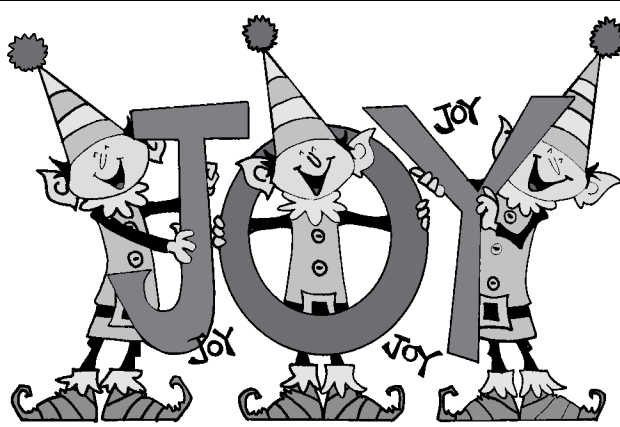
Have a Ball this Season

From snowmen to Santa,
To tinsel on the tree,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a year filled with glee!

Thanks for your devoted support.
You've helped to build our overwhelming success.

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Marsha, Martha, Leann



You've Gotta Have Friends!

With thanks at Christmas, to all the folks who have passed by this way. We thank you for your valued business and wish you all the merriest holiday season ever!

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KIM RATLIFF & STAFF



Christmastime!

It's our favorite time for saying thank you for your friendship and for extending warm wishes to all.

Allan, Jane, Glennis, Susie, Hilary, Alex
and all the employees of

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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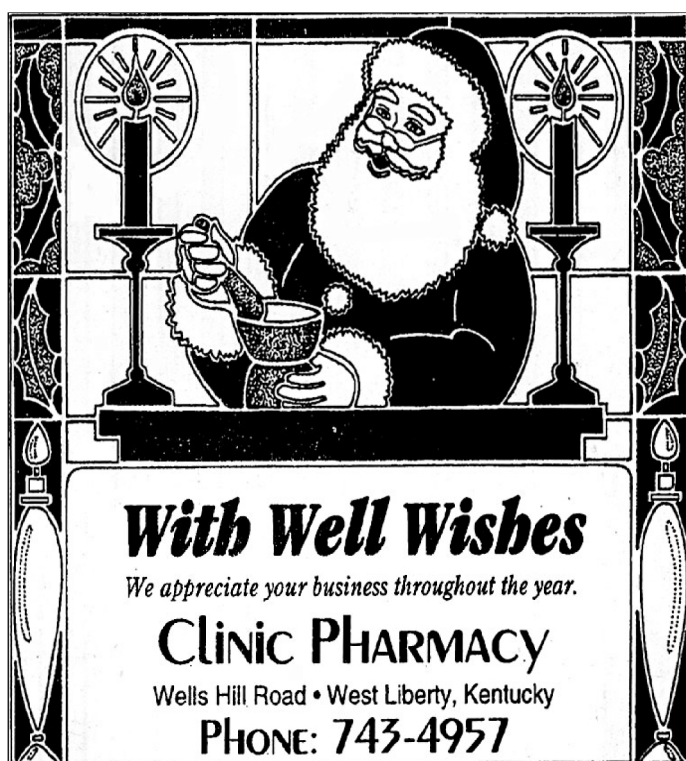
As We Welcome the Holidays...

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for coming by this year.
We wish you the best of the season and hope your holidays roll along smoothly with lots of happy celebrations along the way.

It's been our good fortune to have you for our customer, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.
Hope you have a very good new year.

West Liberty Ford

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With Well Wishes

We appreciate your business throughout the year.

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Season's Greetings

The scents of evergreens and baking goodies are everywhere. May this Christmas be especially pleasant for you and your loved ones.

With deep appreciation for your patronage, we wish you the merriest of holidays.

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All Set... for a beautiful season!

With warm regards and appreciation to our many good friends and patrons at this special time of year.

Merry Christmas From:

Brenda Fannin

Brenda's Beauty Shop

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We wish you much happiness and good fortune through the holiday season and beyond. Thanks for doing business with us.

Morgan County Bar Association

• Edward C. Keeton • Steve O'Connor • Sam Long
• Robert Hutchinson • Joleen Frederick
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Have A Happy Holiday!

With sincere best wishes to our neighbors, patrons and friends.
Your support means everything to us. Thanks!

West Liberty Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Rt. 5 Wells Hill Drive • West Liberty, Ky.
Phone: 743-3846



Happy Holidays

With our thanks for your valued patronage at this special time of year. It's been both a privilege and a pleasure serving you.



Mountain Telephone

Season's Greetings

Left to Right: Douglas Howard, Arlene Potter, Brenda Stacy, Ava Smith, Nicole Haney, Alisha Wagoner, Bobbie Skaggs, David Ison.

The directors, officers and employees of

First National Bank

extend best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a blessed new year.

We thank our customers for our continued success, and we look forward to serving you in 2013.

Merry Christmas

From Our Family To Yours

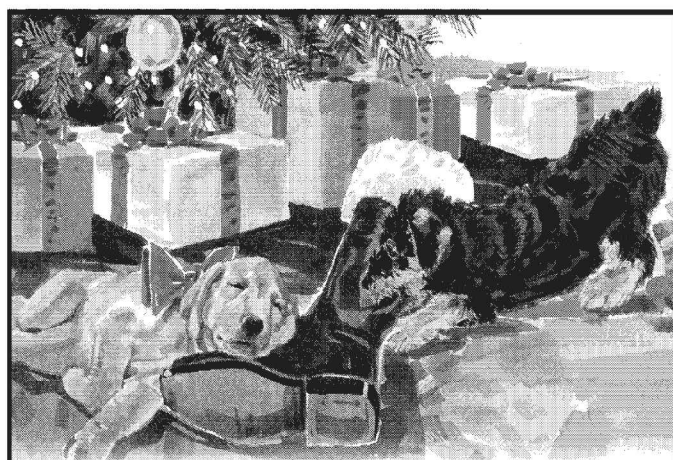


Judge Tim Conley
Wife Tammy & Staff

To All Our Good Neighbors

At Christmas

*We're displaying our holiday cheer,
To thank everyone for stopping here
And for your winning attitude,
You surely have our sincere gratitude ...
So without any fanfare or further delay
Please accept our best wishes for
a great holiday!*



Joy Is In The Air!

Wishing all our good friends and neighbors a holiday filled with good times, joy and laughter.

Serving you has been a real treat for us. Thanks!

Randy Williams

County Court Clerk & Employees



Peace On Earth Goodwill Towards Men —And Many Thanks To You!

For all you do to make us feel welcome here we are deeply grateful, and wish all of you a truly unforgettable holiday season

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JOHN AND LINDA WHITT

Happy Holidays From Our Family To Yours



Glad tidings to you wherever you go this holiday season. We appreciate your visiting us this past year.

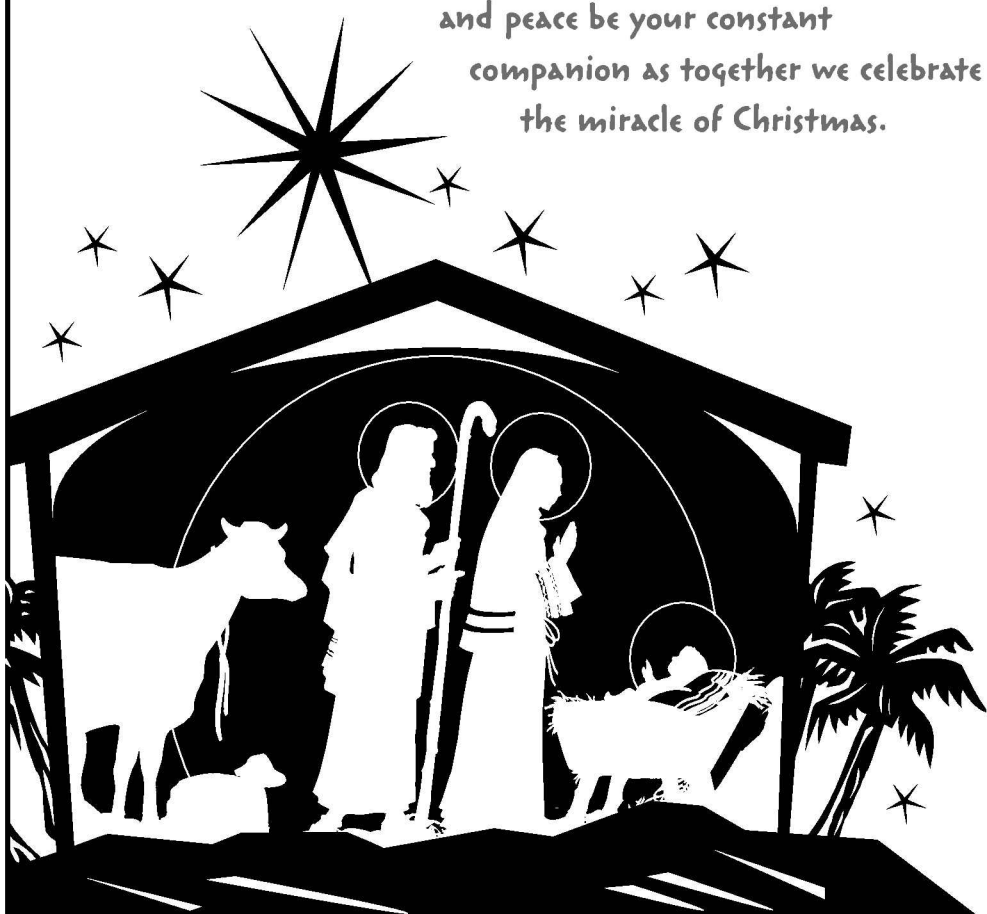
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LET FAITH GUIDE YOU

May faith be your guide,
and peace be your constant
companion as together we celebrate
the miracle of Christmas.



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this year we are
deeply grateful,
and for your
friendship we are
forever indebted.



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